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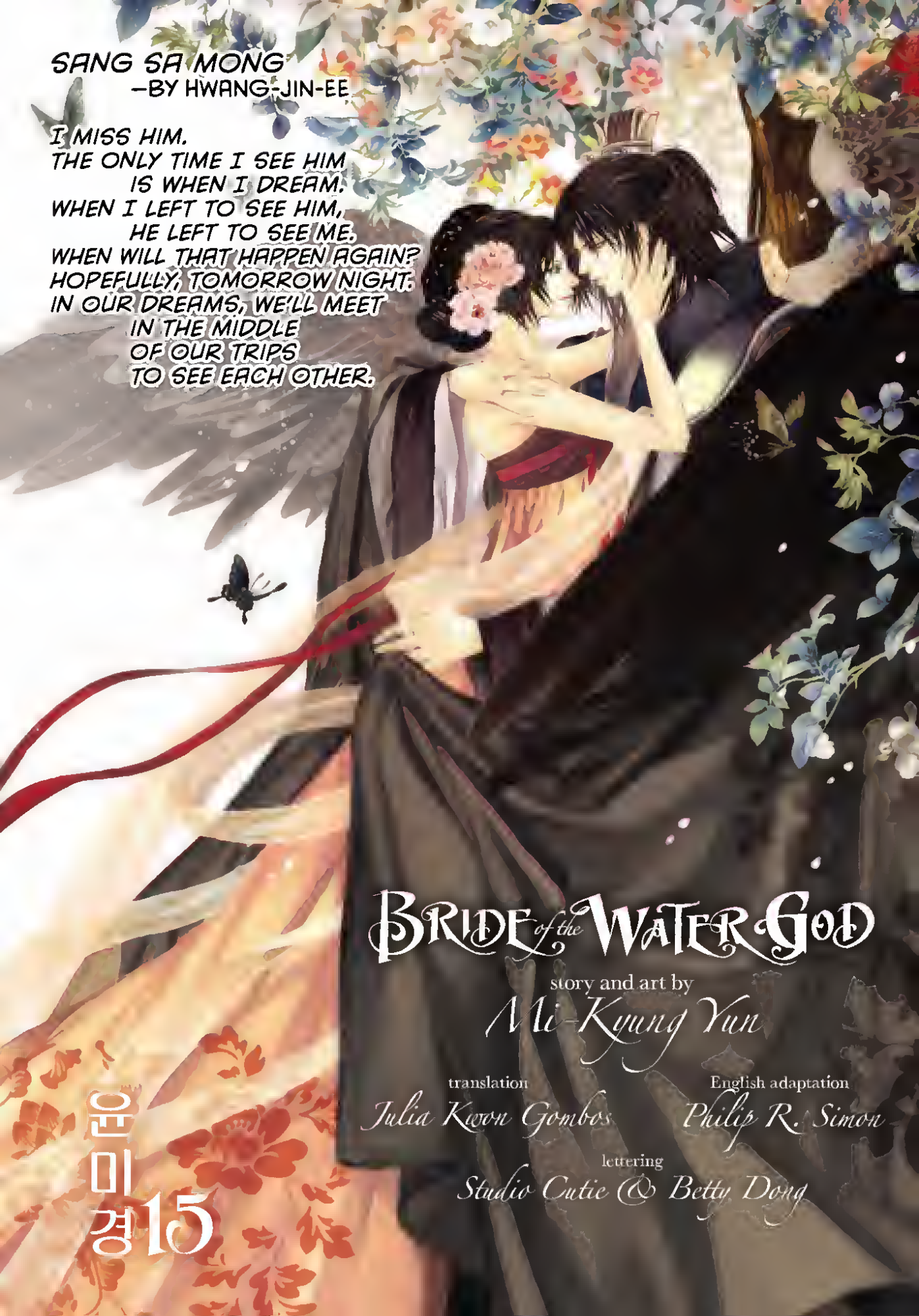
SANG SA MONG
—BY HWANG-JIN-EE
I MISS HIM.
THE ONLY TIME I SEE HIM
IS WHEN I DREAM.
WHEN I LEFT TO SEE HIM,
HE LEFT TO SEE ME.
WHEN WILL THAT HAPPEN AGAIN?
HOPEFULLY, TOMORROW NIGHT.
IN OUR DREAMS, WE'LL MEET
IN THE MIDDLE
OF OUR TRIPS
TO SEE EACH OTHER.
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JEOL-HWA-HAENG
–BY KYU-BO LEE
A LILY HOLDS THE DEWDROPS.
THEY LOOK LIKE PEARLS.
THE BRIDE PICKS THE LILY AND TURNS FROM THE WINDOW.
SMILING, SHE ASKS HER GROOM,
"WHICH IS PRETTIER? THIS FLOWER OR ME?"
HER HUSBAND ANSWERS, "THE FLOWER IS MORE BEAUTIFUL."
THE NEW BRIDE GETS UPSET.
SMASHING IT UNDER HER FOOT, SHE CRIES,
"THIS FLOWER IS PRETTIER THAN ME?
WHY DON'T YOU HUG IT WHILE YOU SLEEP TONIGHT?"

YOU RETURNED. APPARENTLY, YOU'VE MADE UP YOUR MIND.
WELL, WHAT WILL IT BE, DONG-WANG-GONG?
DO YOU CHOOSE FAMILY AND A LIFE WITH THOSE WHO LOVE YOU?
OR DO YOU CHOOSE FRIENDSHIP-- STANDING BY THOSE WHO HAVE STOOD BY YOU FOR MOST OF YOUR LIFE?

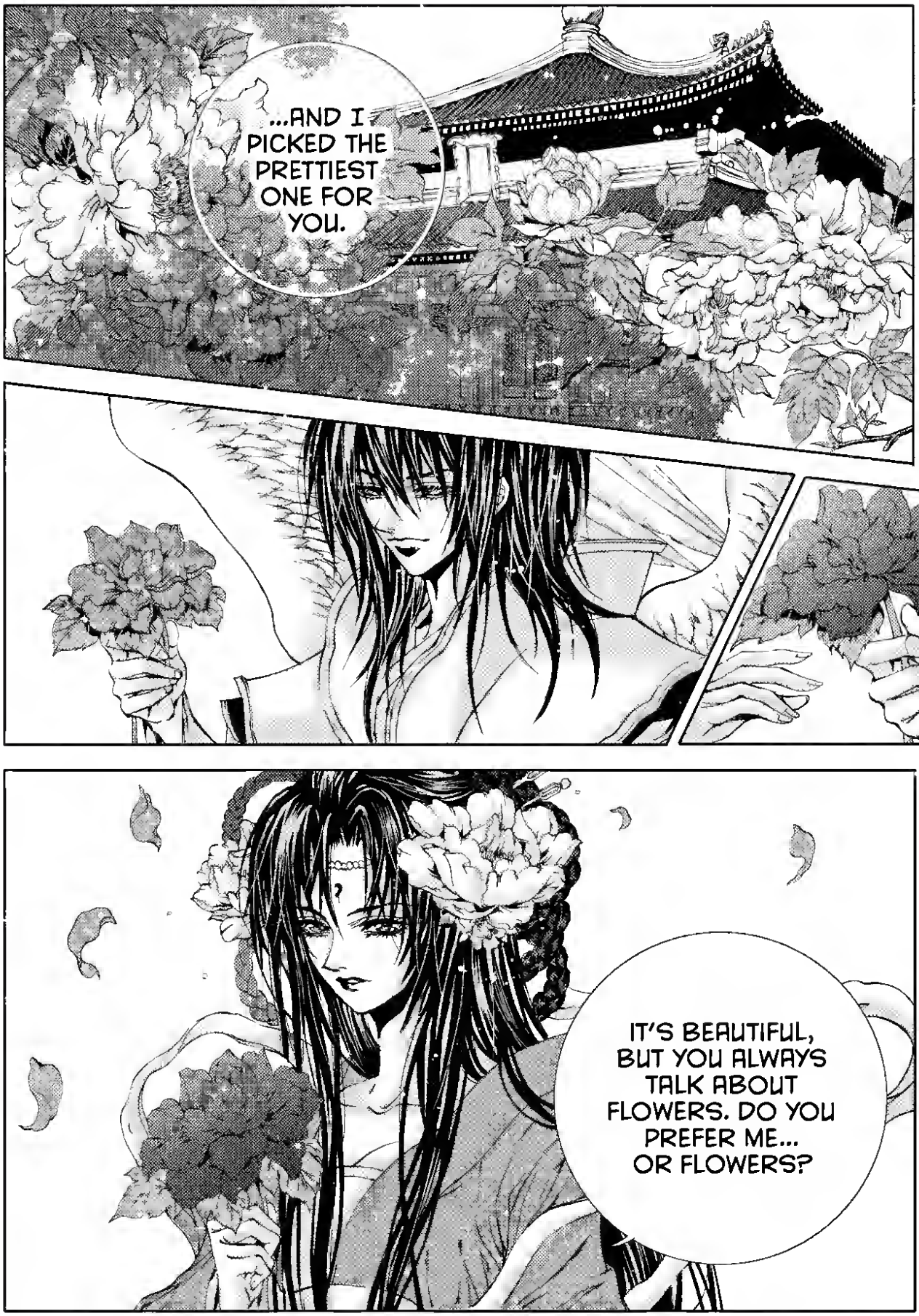
YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT I CHOOSE.
FROM THE START, I NEVER REALLY HAD A CHOICE.

OH, MY.
YOU'RE UPSET.
I'M NOT FORCING YOU TO DO ANYTHING.
YOU GET TO CHOOSE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.
FINE. I'LL MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE. I'LL KILL YEOM-JE-SHINNONG FOR YOU...

...AND I'LL NEVER COME BACK. IF I DO THAT, YOU HAVE TO LEAVE MY WIFE, MY SON, AND ME ALONE FOREVER.
GLIK GLIK GLIK
YOU NEITHER CHOSE NOR GAVE UP ON EITHER SIDE, AFTER ALL. THAT IS VERY LIKE YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO SAY TO SEO-WANG-MO?

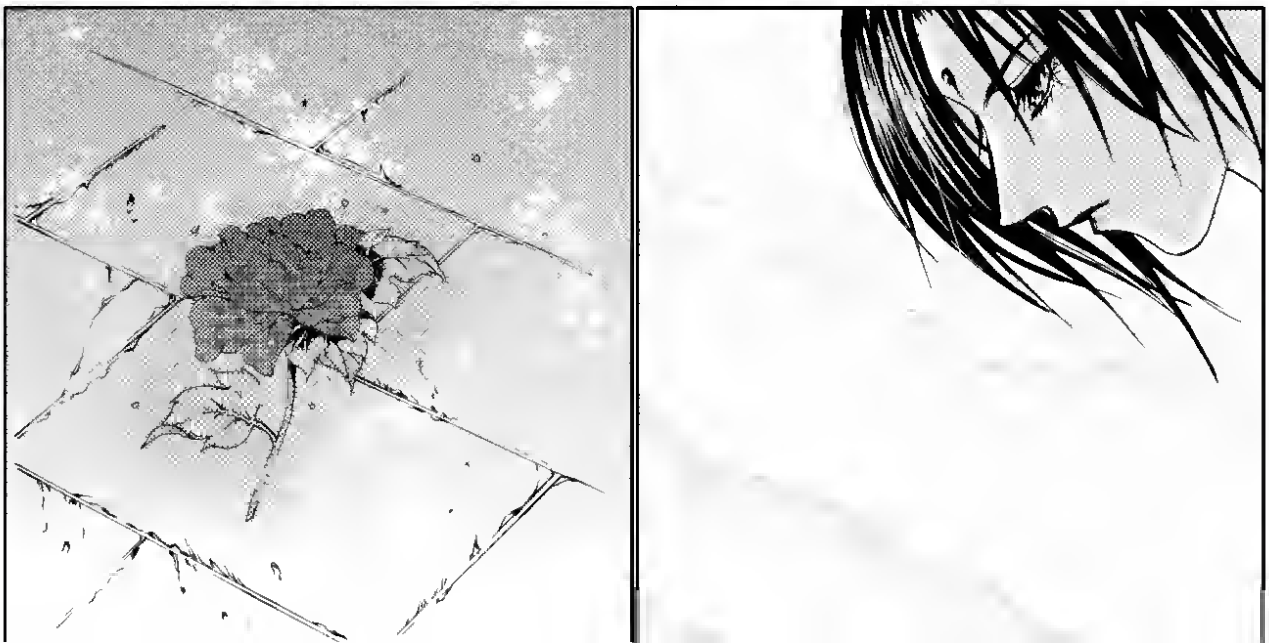
I'M...GOING TO LEAVE WITHOUT SEEING HER.
I COULDN'T BEAR TO SEE HER CRY.
KTOK
KTOK

"YANG-HOI, LOOK AT THIS.
"ALL THE FLOWERS I PLANTED LAST YEAR HAVE BLOOMED..."


...AND I PICKED THE PRETTIEST ONE FOR YOU.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL, BUT YOU ALWAYS TALK ABOUT FLOWERS. DO YOU PREFER ME... OR FLOWERS?

UM...
I THINK I LIKE FLOWERS A LITTLE MORE.
SHRKK
AH... REALLY ...?
IF YOU LIKE FLOWERS MORE THAN ME...
...WHY DON'T YOU SLEEP WITH YOUR FLOWERS TONIGHT?
WHAT?!
YANG-HOI! NO--WAIT! I'M SORRY!

WHK
MY LOVE, WHO IS LIKE A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER...
...SO PRETTY AND FRAGRANT...

I'LL MISS YOU IN THE MORNING...
FWOOSHAAA
...AND I'LL MISS YOU IN THE EVENING.


I'LL FILL UP THIS GARDEN WITH FLOWERS...
...SO I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE YOU ANYWHERE... ANYTIME...
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HWOOOSHAAA

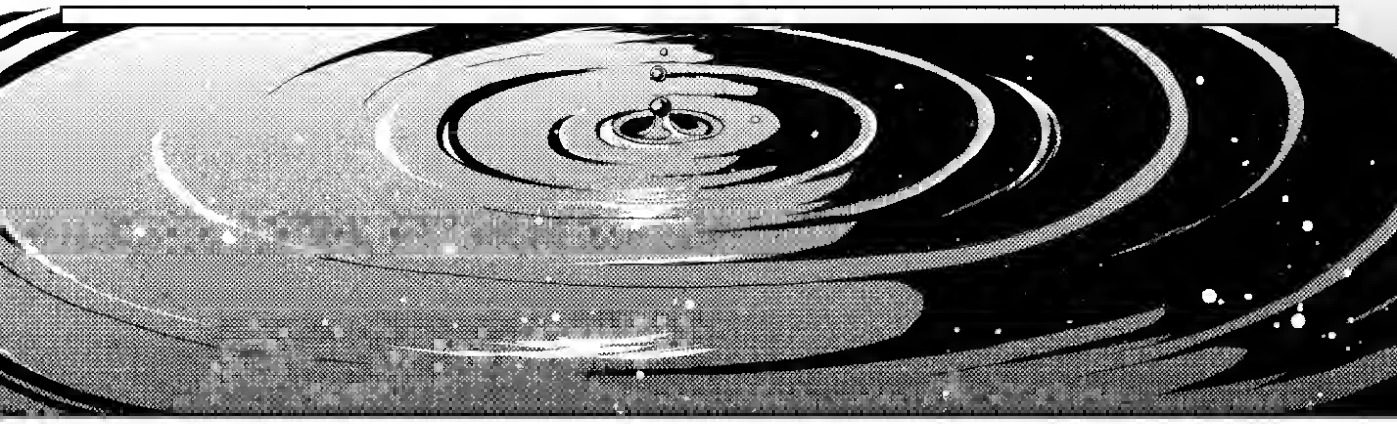
FWOOOSH
MOK-GONG...
I KNOW WHY YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND AND CANCELED YOUR ORDER TO MAKE YANG-HOI KILL ME.

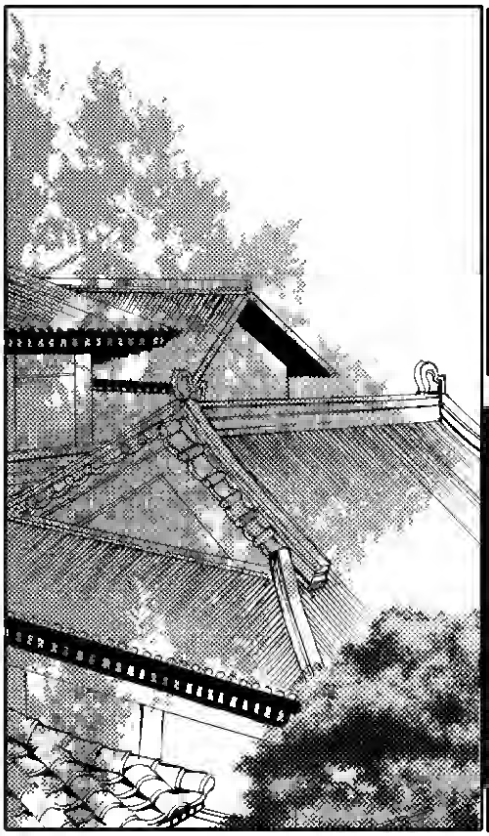
YOU DIDN'T WANT HER TO HATE YOU.
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE ABOUT YANG-HOI. I KNOW THAT YOU'D NEVER HARM HER. THAT'S WHY I CAN LEAVE LIKE THIS.
PFFT
YOU'RE A FOOL, DONG-WANG-GONG. THE YANG-HOI AND HEON-WON FROM THE OLD DAYS DON'T EXIST ANYMORE.
YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET THIS.
HEH
HEH
HEH!
BECAUSE OF YOUR STUPIDITY, YOU'LL LOSE EVERY-THING.

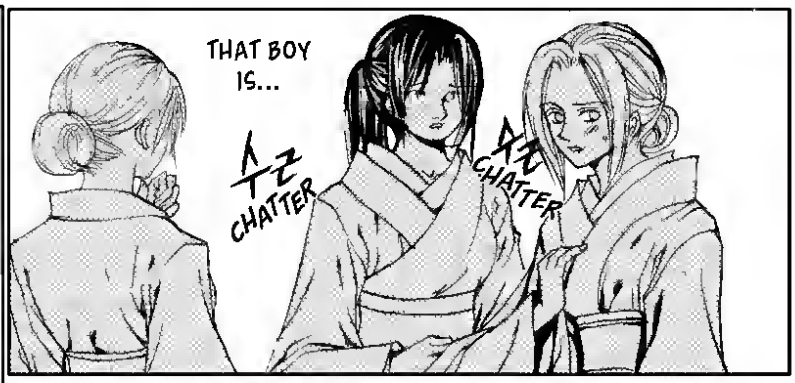
YOUR HIGHNESS, I LOCATED HABAEK, AS ORDERED.
GOOD. WHAT'S GOING ON?
HABAEK GAVE UP HIS POWERS AS A WATER GOD. HE BECAME HUMAN TO LIVE WITH SOAH IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
AND WHAT'S EVEN BETTER, HE REMAINS IN HIS WEAK, CHILDLIKE FORM EVEN AT NIGHT.
HE BECAME... A POWERLESS HUMAN?
AND HE'S A CHILD... EVEN AT NIGHT?

THAT'S FUNNY. HE'S JUST LIKE HIS FATHER IN THAT SENSE--TRYING TO PROTECT HIS LOVER WHEN HE CAN'T EVEN PROTECT HIMSELF!
I DEFINITELY WANT TO SEE THAT HE REGRETS HIS DECISION TO BE WITH SOAH.
THERE WAS ONCE A FOOLISH GODDESS JUST LIKE HABAEK WHO ALMOST LOST EVERYTHING AFTER FALLING IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN.

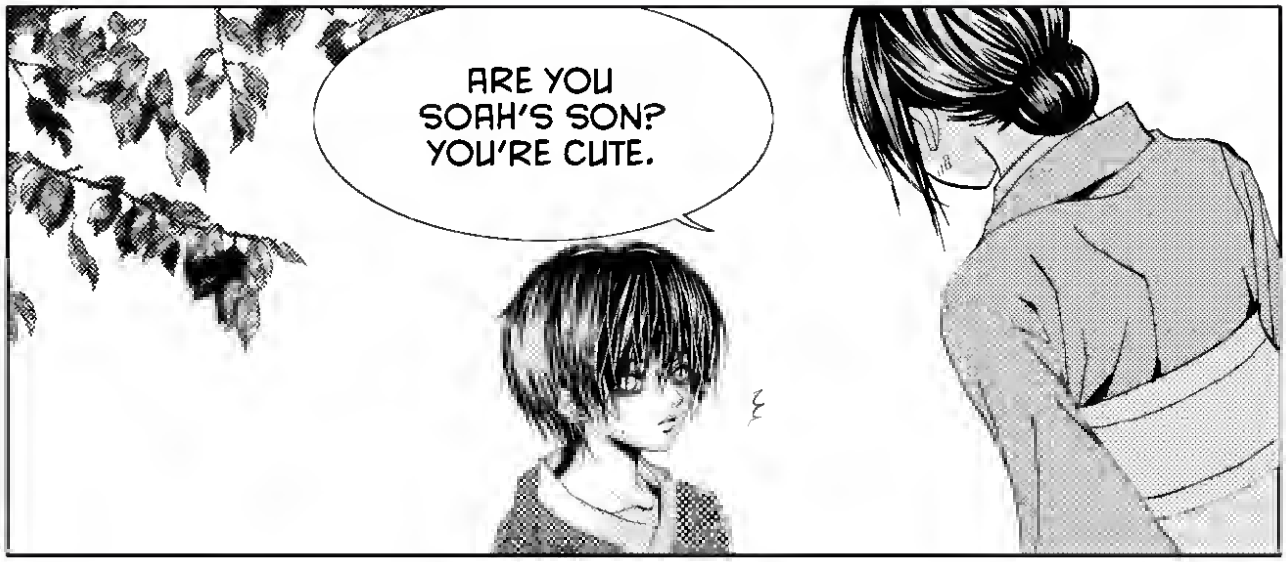
WHAT'S YOUR COMMAND? DO YOU WANT ME TO KILL HIM WHILE HE'S A WEAK HUMAN? DO YOU WANT ME TO BRING HIM BACK TO YOU?
NO, LEAVE HIM ALONE. LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON...
IT'LL BE MORE FUN TO WATCH HABAEK REALIZE JUST HOW MISERABLE IT WILL BE TO ENDURE LIFE AS A FEEBLE, POWERLESS HUMAN NOW.

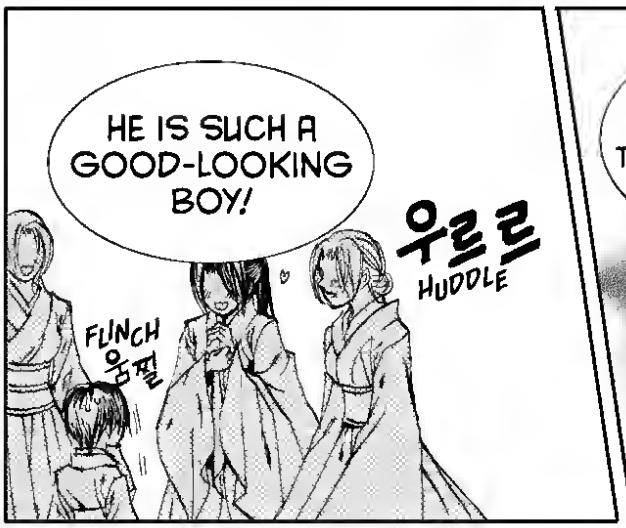


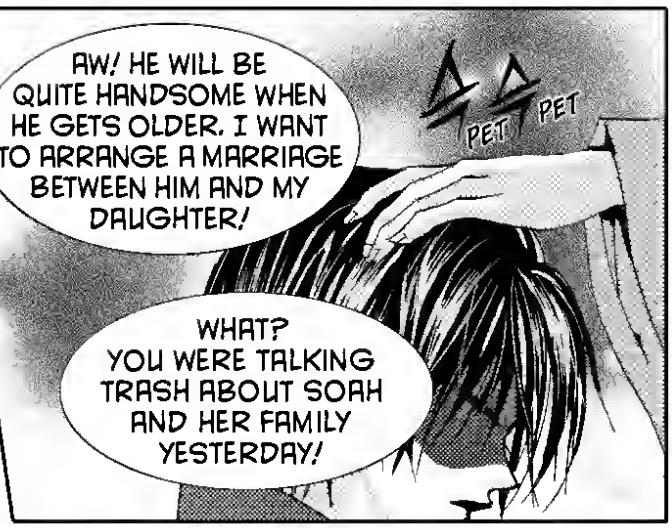



THAT BOY IS...
CHATTER
CHATTER

LET THEM GOSSIP. NO NEED TO BE ANXIOUS. I LOST MY POWERS, BUT MY PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE CAN STILL REMAIN THE SAME IN MY HEART.






AW! HE WILL BE QUITE HANDSOME WHEN HE GETS OLDER. I WANT TO ARRANGE A MARRIAGE BETWEEN HIM AND MY DAUGHTER!
PET
PET
WHAT? YOU WERE TALKING TRASH ABOUT SOAH AND HER FAMILY YESTERDAY!

I MUST GET MY REAL BODY BACK!

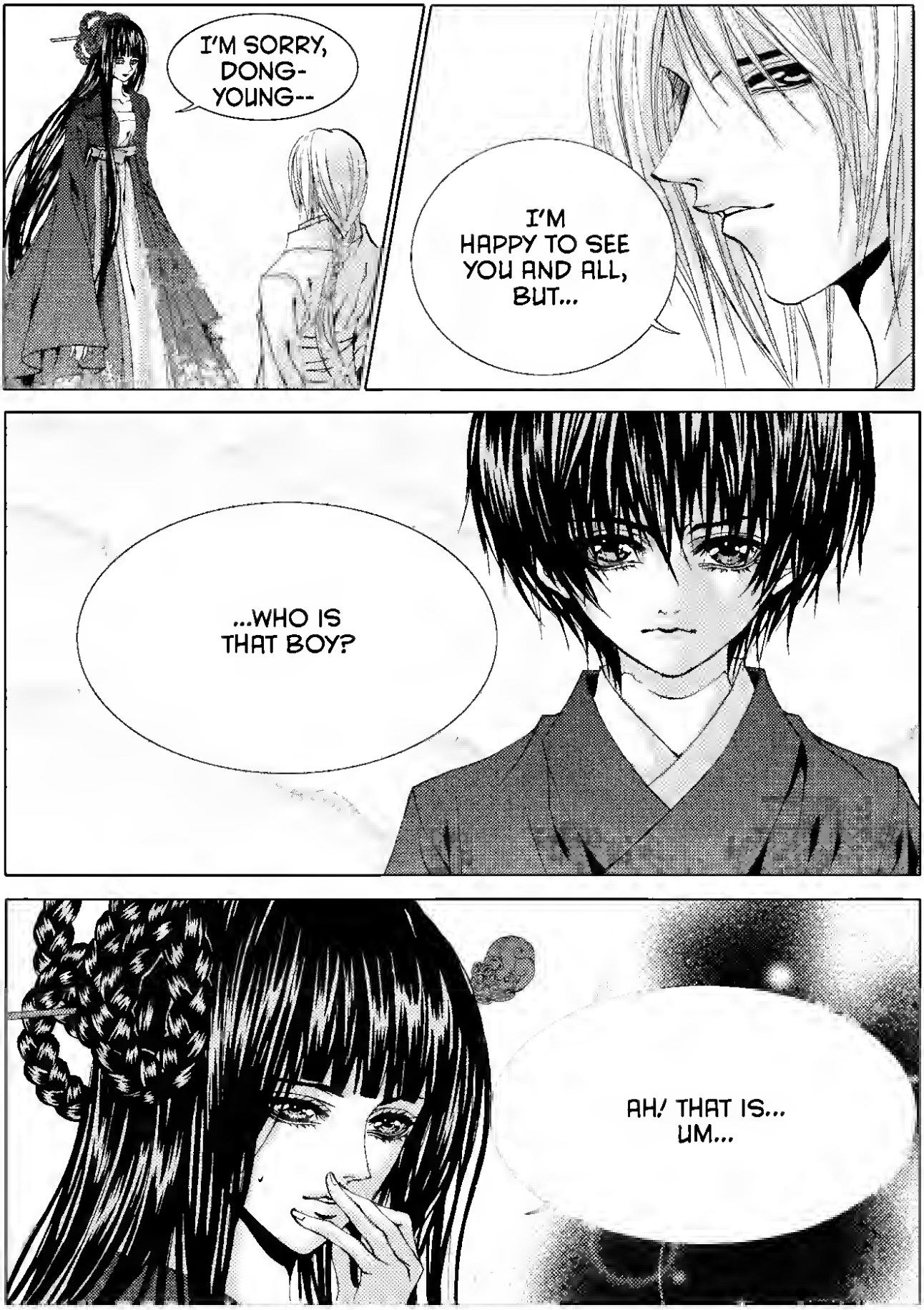
THIS IS NOT GOING TO WORK! I NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET MYSELF BACK TO NORMAL SOON!
I'VE GOT TO GO BACK TO THAT POND TOMORROW.
THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY I CHANGED THERE, AND NOT--
HABAEK!
WHY ARE YOU OUT HERE?
WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME?
.....

GIVE IT TO ME. AN ADULT IS SUPPOSED TO CARRY HEAVY STUFF LIKE THAT.
FSH
잠 잠
SILENCE
.....
IT'S OKAY. LET ME DO IT, PLEASE.
번쩍
HWIP
SOAH... YOU ARE STRONG...

GIVE IT TO ME.
?!
FWSH
SPISH
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR SOAH NOW?
IF I CAN'T FIGURE THIS OUT AND I GET STUCK IN THIS FORM--WHAT WILL I DO THEN...?

DONG-YOUNG...?
...?!

DONG-YOUNG...?
I'M HAPPY YOU REMEMBER ME. I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME A LONG TIME AGO.
I'VE VISITED YOUR HOUSE A FEW TIMES SINCE I HEARD YOU CAME BACK. NOW, FINALLY, I GET TO SEE YOU!

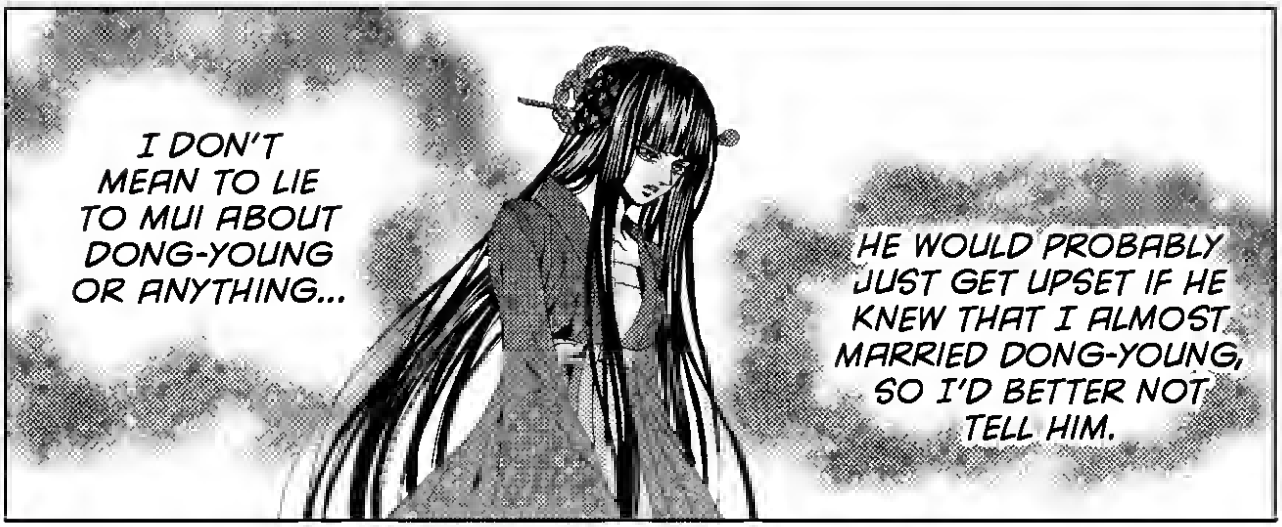

I'M SORRY, DONG-YOUNG--
I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU AND ALL, BUT...
...WHO IS THAT BOY?
AH! THAT IS... UM...

IS HE...THE BOY EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT, WHO--
HIS NAME IS MUI! HE'S A... A RELATIVE! YES! HE'S A LONG-LOST RELATIVE! MY COUSIN'S SISTER'S HUSBAND'S SON...
AH...IS HE? I KNEW THAT THE RUMOR WAS A STRANGE ONE.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE SUCH A BIG SON.
HEY, LITTLE GUY!
YOU ARE VERY CUTE!

THAPP
IT WAS VERY NICE TO MEET YOU. SEE YOU LATER!

I'LL COME BACK LATER, SORAH. SEE YOU SOON.
OKAY. TAKE CARE!
JOLT!
WHO WAS THAT GUY?
JUST... A NEIGHBOR I GREW UP WITH.
LET'S GO HOME.

YES, LET'S GO HOME. ARE YOU HUNGRY, MUI?
I'LL HURRY UP AND COOK DINNER FOR YOU.
.....
PHEW!
WHAT A RELIEF. I GUESS HABAEK DOESN'T REMEMBER THAT HE MET DONG-YOUNG BEFORE.
WELL, HE SAW HIM ONLY FOR A MINUTE. OF COURSE HE DOESN'T REMEMBER.

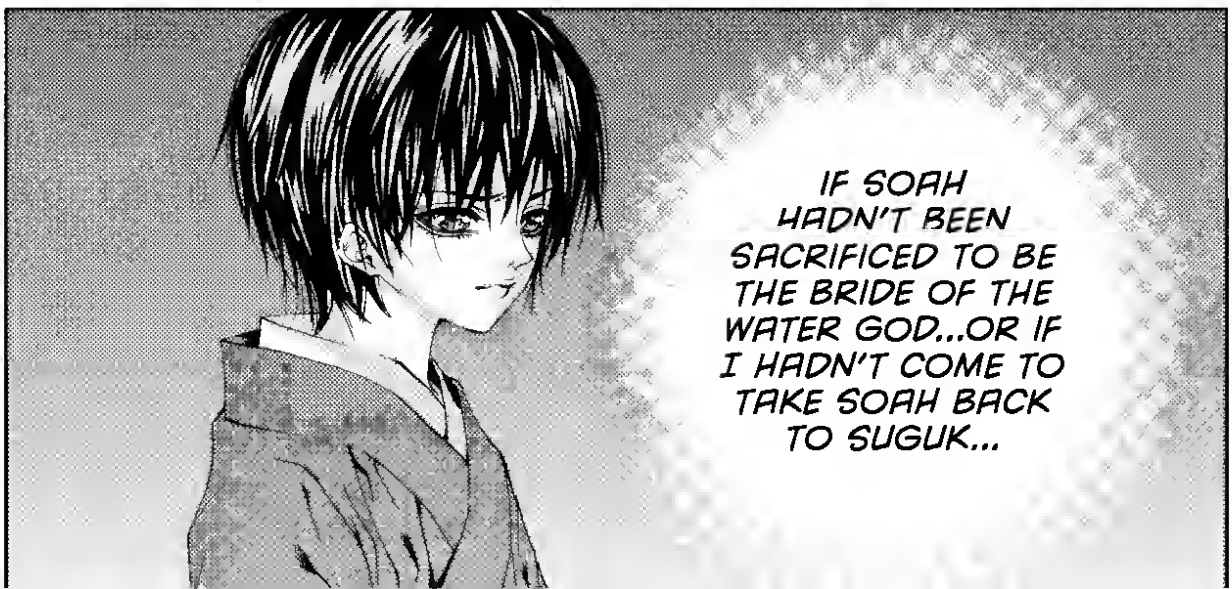

I DON'T MEAN TO LIE TO MUI ABOUT DONG-YOUNG OR ANYTHING...
HE WOULD PROBABLY JUST GET UPSET IF HE KNEW THAT I ALMOST MARRIED DONG-YOUNG, SO I'D BETTER NOT TELL HIM.

HE'S BEEN SO CRANKY ALL THE TIME LATELY. I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS WORSE.
BUT...I HOPE HE ISN'T MAD BECAUSE I INTRODUCED HIM AS A RELATIVE, NOT MY SON.

WHY COULDN'T I SAY THAT HE WAS MY SON?
WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT HE'S NOT MY SON-- SO THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME A LIAR.
BUT WHY DO I FEEL GUILTY THAT I ACTED LIKE I'M SINGLE...?
IT'S NOT FAIR TO SAY THAT I'M MARRIED, WHEN ALL I HAD WAS JUST A WEDDING CEREMONY...!

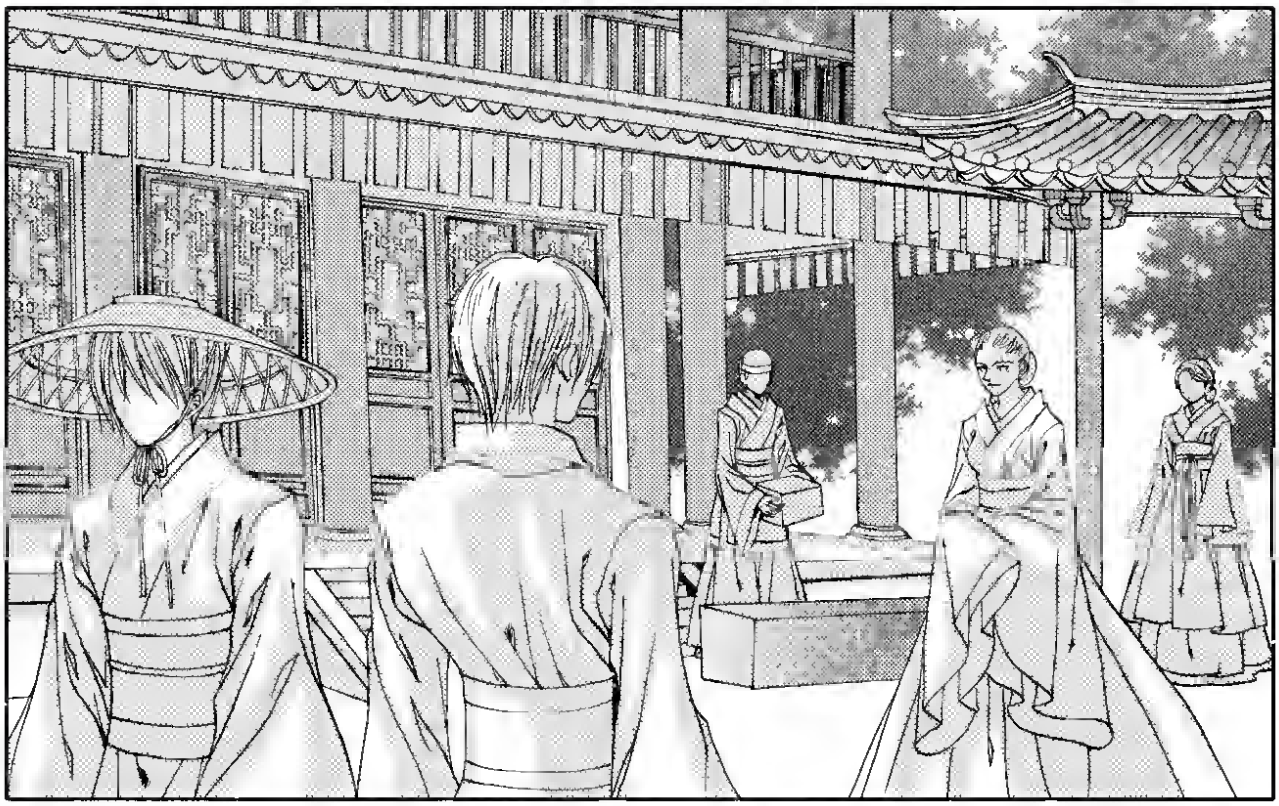
THAT GUY EARLIER...
I MET HIM BEFORE!!

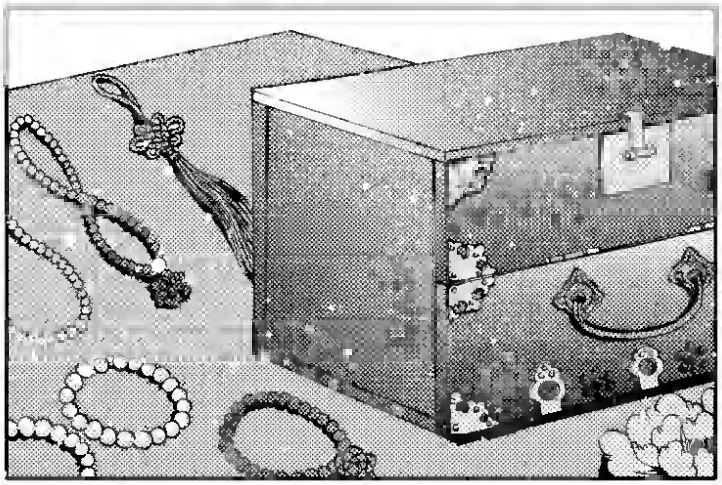
WHEN SOAH RETURNED TO THE HUMAN WORLD...
...HE WAS THE ONE WHO TRIED TO PROTECT HER.

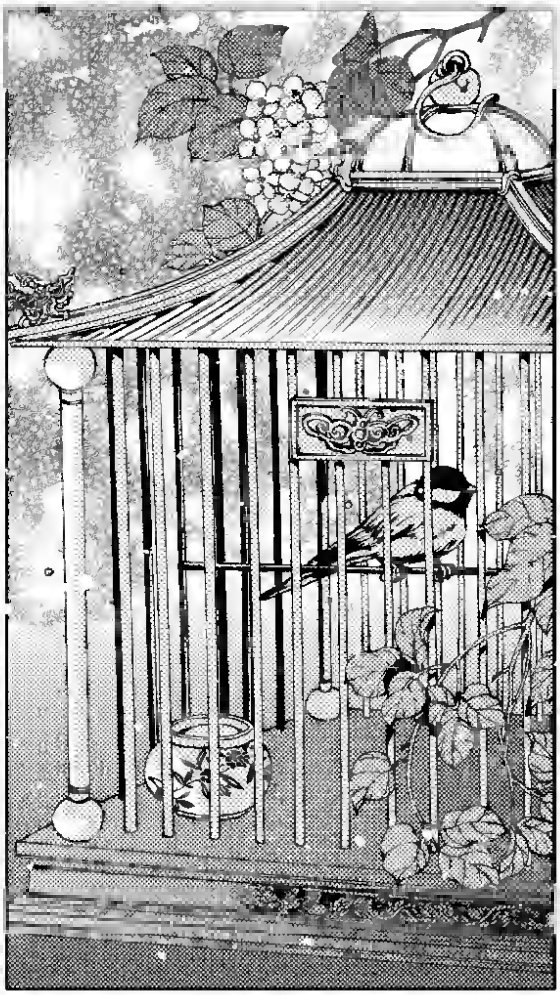

IF SOAH HADN'T BEEN SACRIFICED TO BE THE BRIDE OF THE WATER GOD...OR IF I HADN'T COME TO TAKE SOAH BACK TO SUGUK...

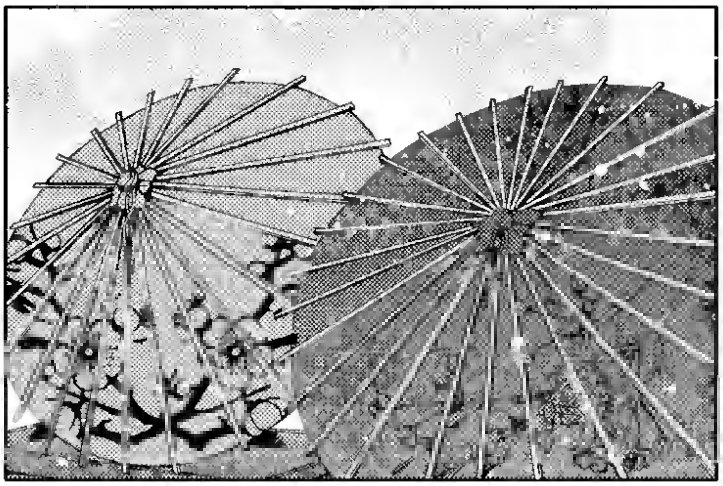
...SOAH WOULD HAVE BEEN HIS BRIDE.
I HEARD THAT THERE'D BE AN EARLY MARKET IN TOWN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO WITH ME?
SOAH--
DONG-YOUNG? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?
OKAY, SURE.

BUT...IS IT ALL RIGHT IF MUI JOINS US?
YOUR COUSIN'S SISTER'S HUSBAND'S SON, RIGHT? OF COURSE! LET'S ALL GO TOGETHER.
AH, YES...
MUI? AH...THAT BOY?

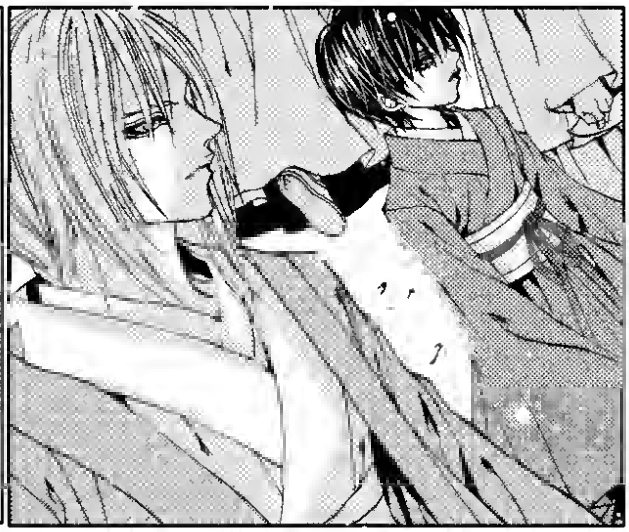




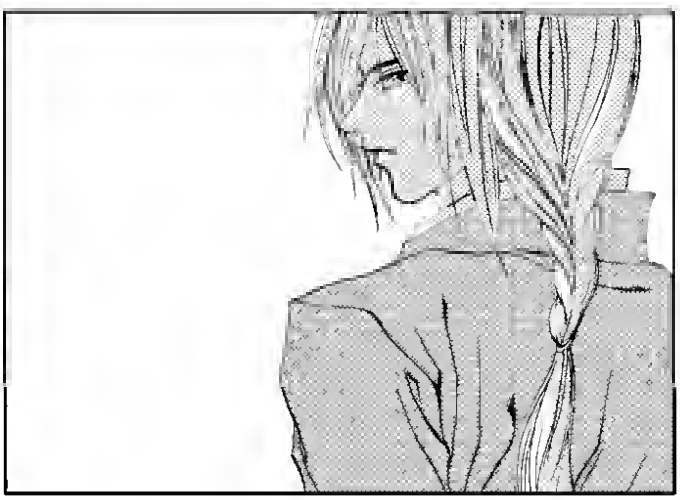


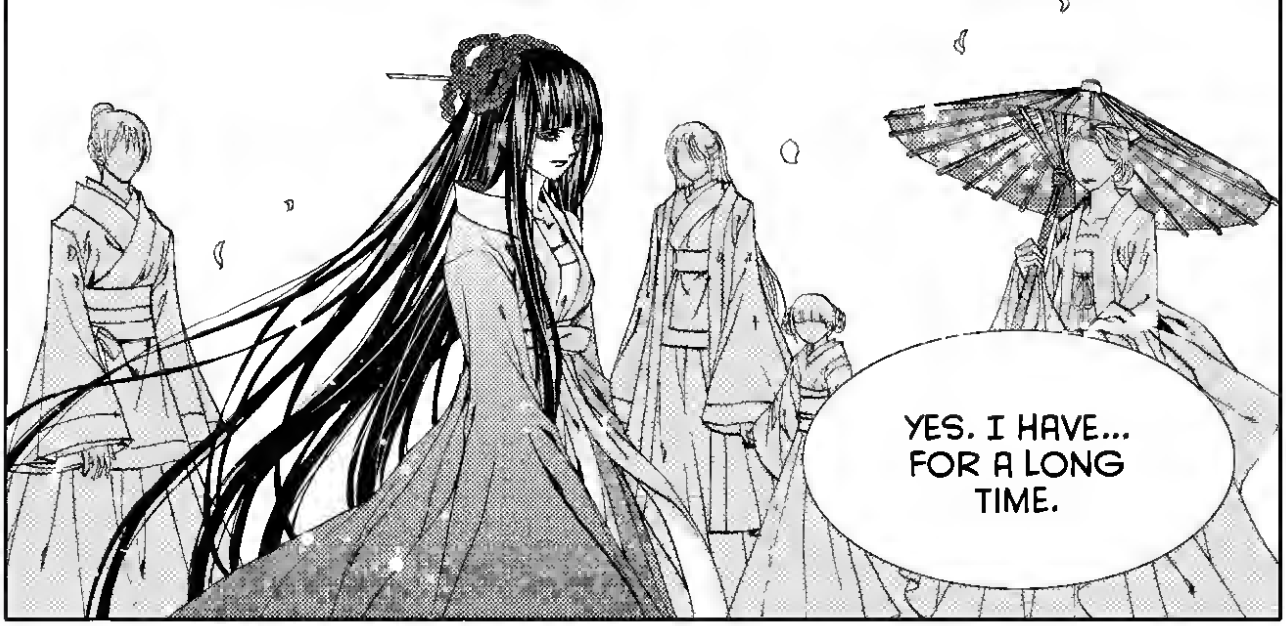


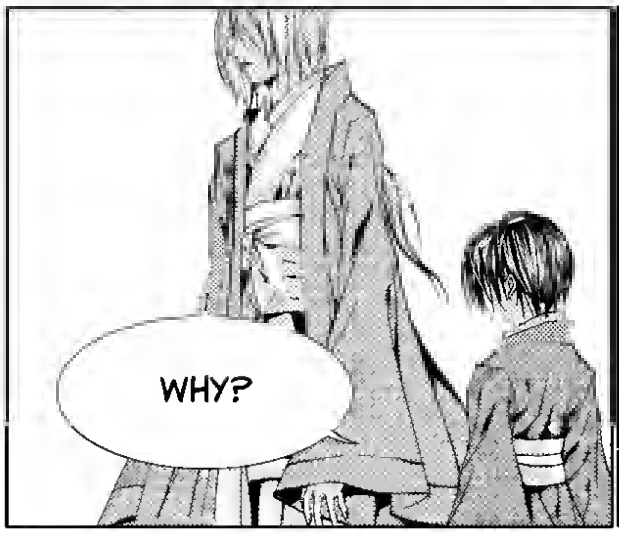
WOW...
PRETTY...

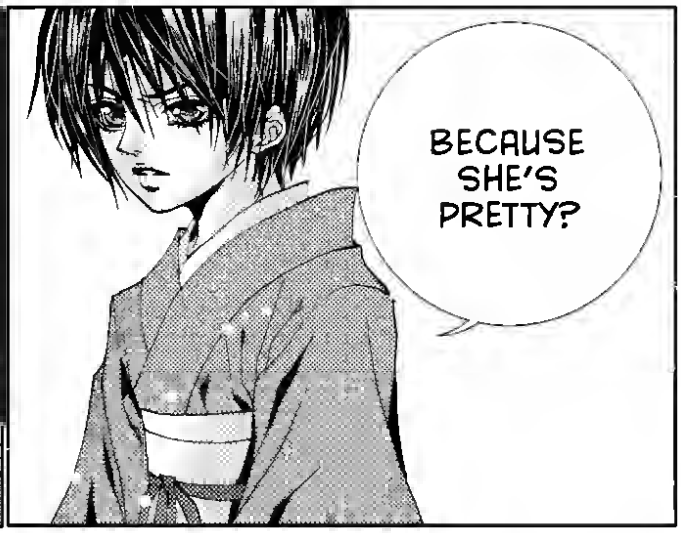


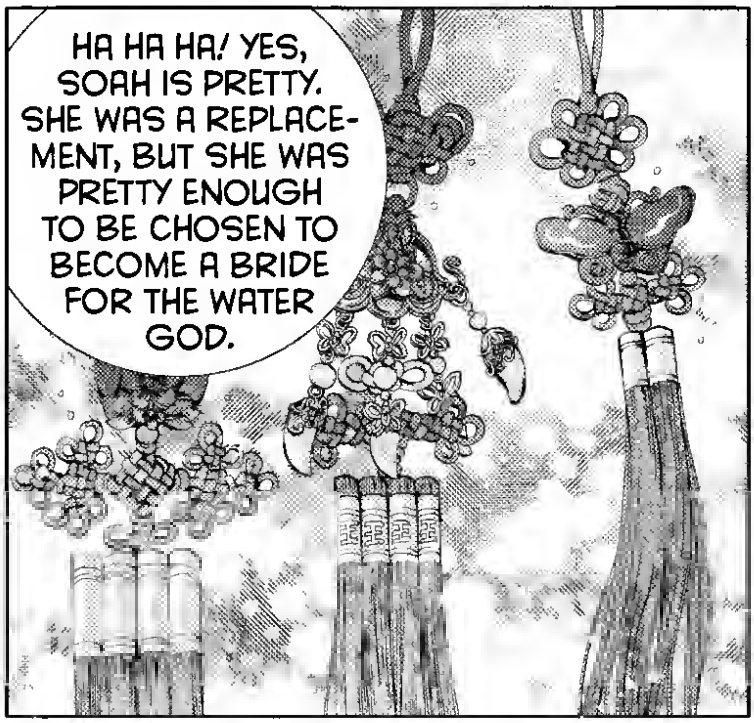
DO YOU
LIKE SOAH?




YES. I HAVE... FOR A LONG TIME.


WHY?


BECAUSE SHE'S PRETTY?


HA HA HA! YES, SOAH IS PRETTY. SHE WAS A REPLACE-MENT, BUT SHE WAS PRETTY ENOUGH TO BE CHOSEN TO BECOME A BRIDE FOR THE WATER GOD.

BUT... THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON.

SOAH IS PURE AND INNOCENT. SHE'S ALMOST TOO KIND, FOR FORGIVING THE ONES WHO SOLD AND HOPED TO FORGET HER.
THAT MAKES ME WANT TO PROTECT HER MORE.
DON'T YOU THINK SO, TOO?

HABAEK-NIM?
WHAT?!
DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED.

!!
I WAS THERE WHEN YOU TURNED INTO YOUR TRUE SELF AT THE POND.

I KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT YOUR TRUE FORM.

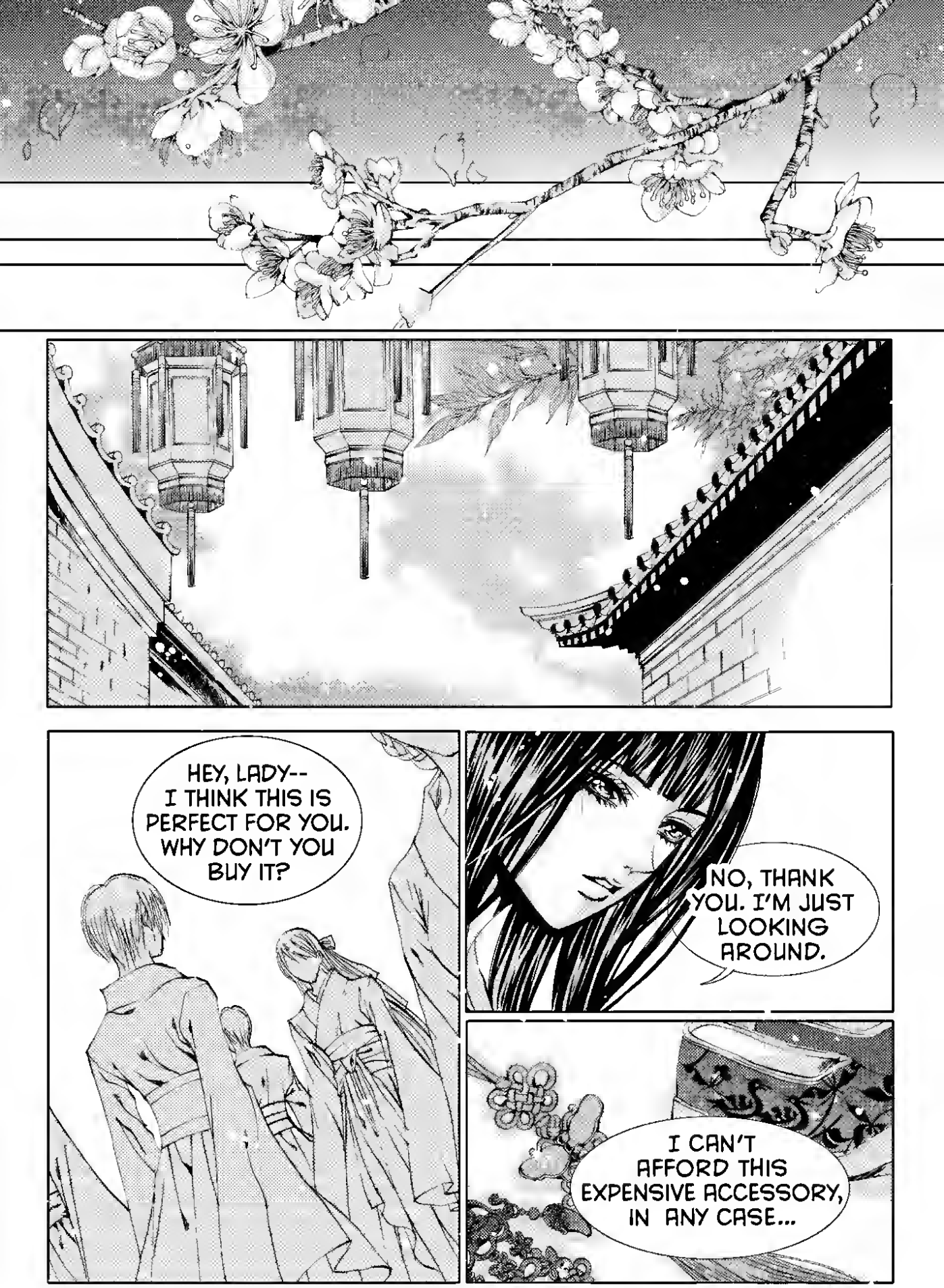
YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER, BUT WE'VE MET BEFORE.
WHEN SOAH FIRST RETURNED, I SAW YOU FOR JUST A MOMENT.
AT THAT TIME, I HAD NO POWER TO STOP YOU FROM TAKING SOAH BACK, BUT THE TABLES HAVE TURNED NOW.

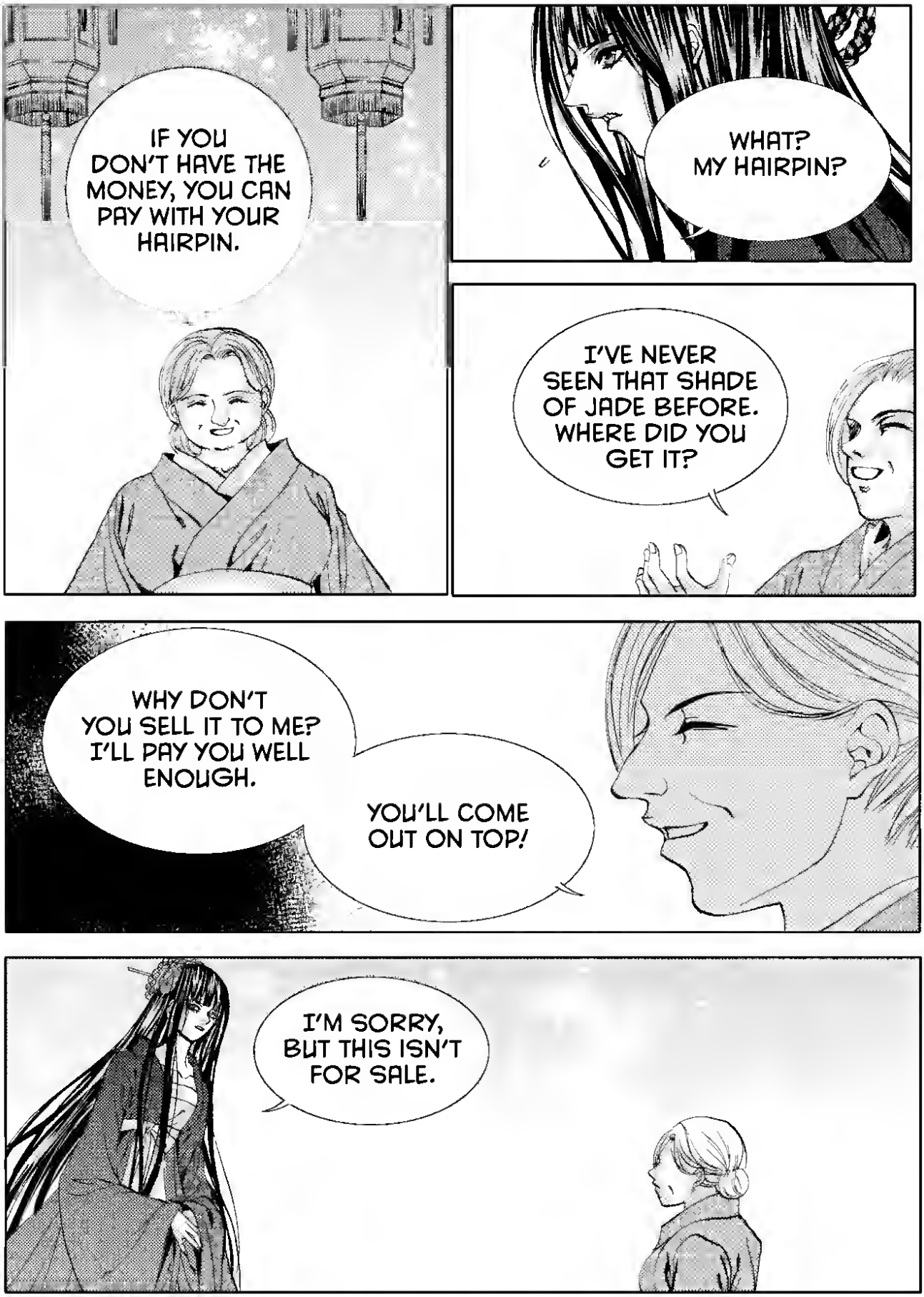
REALLY...? HE WAS THERE AT THE POND?
HOW MUCH DID HE SEE... AND HOW MUCH DOES HE KNOW?
YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?
NOTHING. I WAS WATCHING HIM. I WAS WORRIED HE WOULD GET LOST.

HE INSISTED THAT HE WANTS TO SEE THE MARKET WITH YOU.
DID...DID MUI...REALLY?
THAT BASTARD.
I'M SORRY, SOAH. I FORGOT THAT I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT. I MUST GET GOING. IS THAT OKAY?
OF COURSE. PLEASE, GO AHEAD.
YOU...
I'M SORRY! ARE YOU MAD? I COULDN'T USE THE NAME HABAEK.
WAS IT WRONG TO TELL HIM THAT NAME?
WHY DID YOU TELL HIM MY NAME WAS MUI?

THAT'S MY REAL NAME. IT CAN ONLY BE USED BY YOU, AND NO ONE ELSE, HERE ON EARTH.
?!
THAT'S RIGHT...
NOW I REMEMBER... ALMOST EVERYONE IN THE GODS' REALM CALLED HIM HABAEK.

MUI...THAT WAS WHAT WE WERE GOING TO USE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US WHEN HE WAS IN HIS ADULT FORM...
DOES THIS MAKE IT BETWEEN THE THREE OF US NOW?


HEY, LADY-- I THINK THIS IS PERFECT FOR YOU. WHY DON'T YOU BUY IT?
NO, THANK YOU. I'M JUST LOOKING AROUND.
I CAN'T AFFORD THIS EXPENSIVE ACCESSORY, IN ANY CASE...

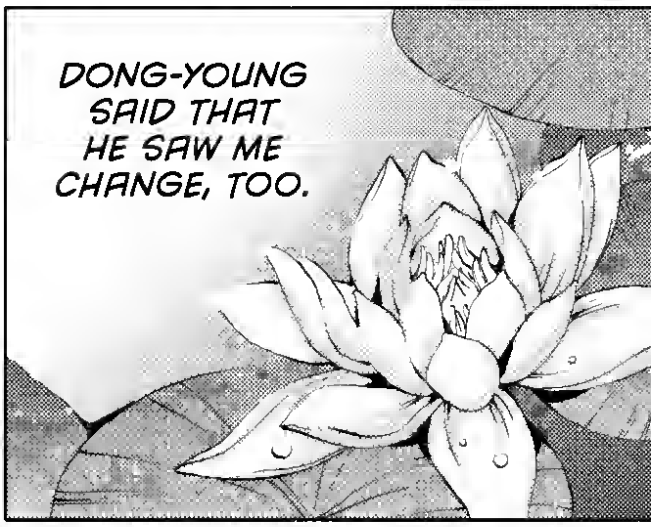

IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, YOU CAN PAY WITH YOUR HAIRPIN.
WHAT? MY HAIRPIN?
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT SHADE OF JADE BEFORE. WHERE DID YOU GET IT?
WHY DON'T YOU SELL IT TO ME? I'LL PAY YOU WELL ENOUGH.
YOU'LL COME OUT ON TOP!
I'M SORRY, BUT THIS ISN'T FOR SALE.

IT'S VERY PRECIOUS TO ME.
I CAN'T SELL THIS PRECIOUS GIFT FROM MUI...

Ahh!
SPLOOSH
Hoh...
SPSSH

APPARENTLY I CAN TURN BACK INTO MYSELF AS LONG AS I'M TOUCHING WATER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT'S DAY OR NIGHT.

WHEN I CHANGED FIRST, THERE WAS ANOTHER HUMAN.

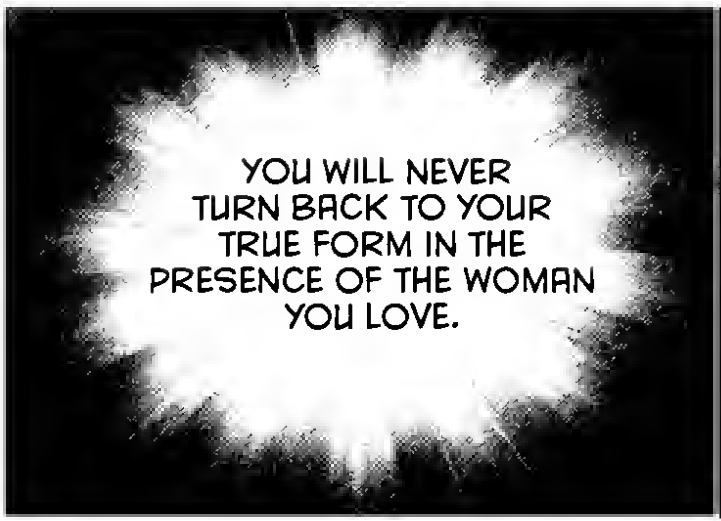

DONG-YOUNG SAID THAT HE SAW ME CHANGE, TOO.

BUT WHY CAN'T I CHANGE IN FRONT OF SOAH?

MAYBE...
...IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT GODDESS!

DID YOU FINALLY REALIZE THAT?
YES, DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
YOU...?!

WHAT YOU THOUGHT JUST NOW WAS CORRECT.

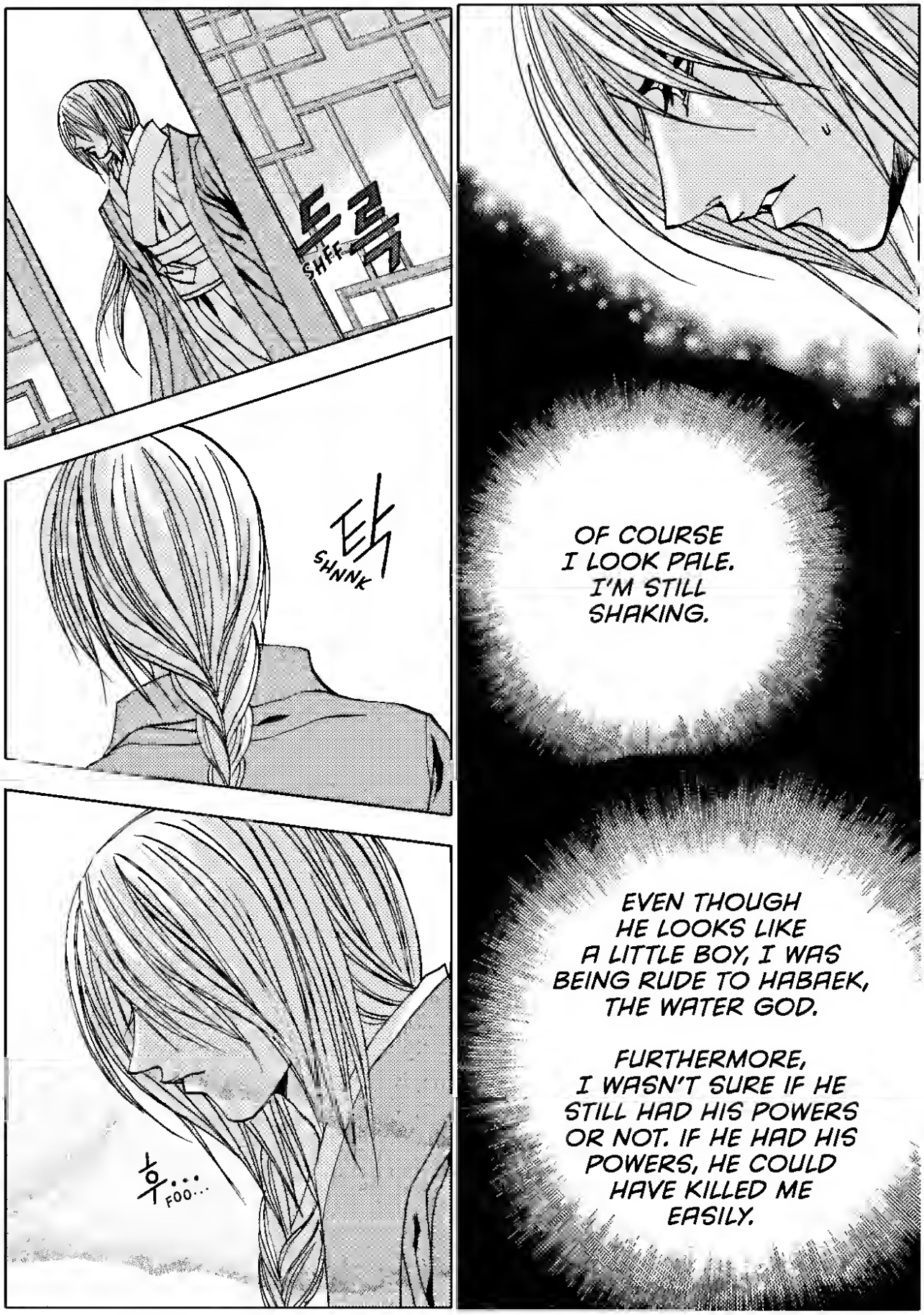

YOU WILL NEVER TURN BACK TO YOUR TRUE FORM IN THE PRESENCE OF THE WOMAN YOU LOVE.

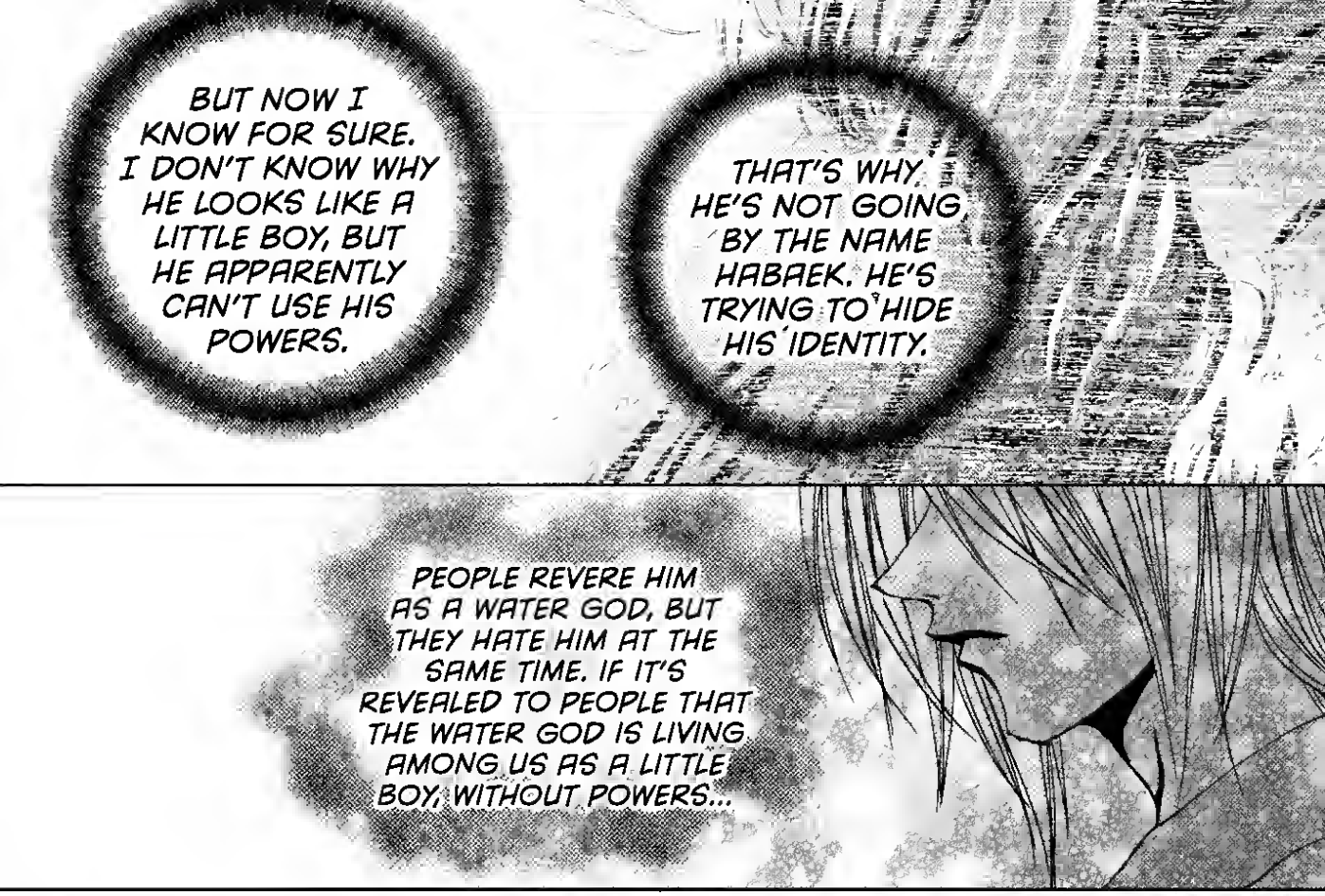
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A LITTLE BOY IN FRONT OF HER.

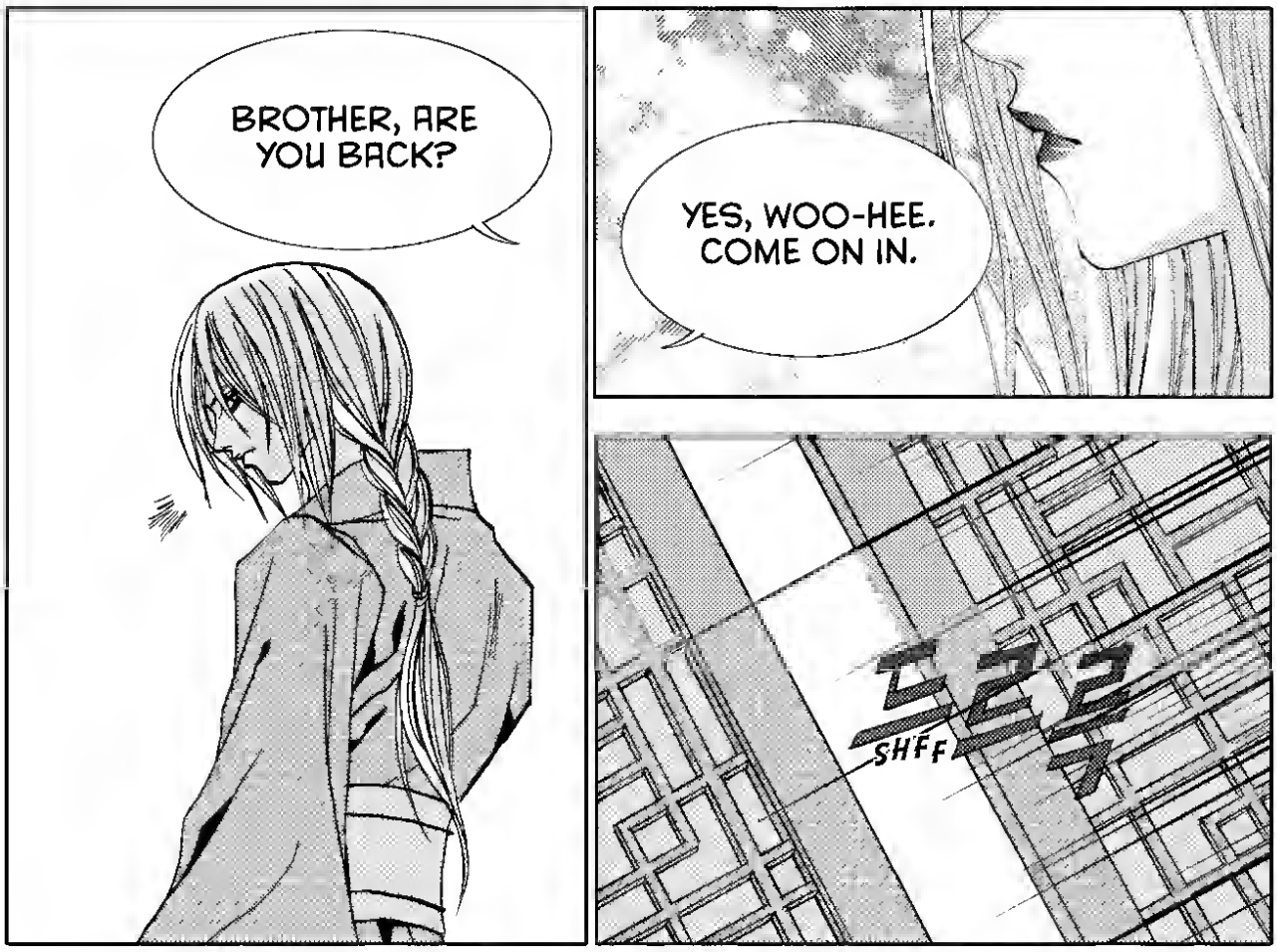
WHY THE SURLY FACE, HABAEK?
HOW CAN YOU COMMIT TO BEING IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN AND NOT BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS LITTLE OBSTACLE?
SHOW ME WHAT YOU PROMISED--THAT A GOD CAN TRULY LOVE A HUMAN.
IF YOU WANT TO GIVE UP ON HER, THOUGH, I'LL GIVE ALL OF YOUR POWERS BACK TO YOU.
FWIP
FWIPPA
WAIT!!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME TIME. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU DECIDE LATER.

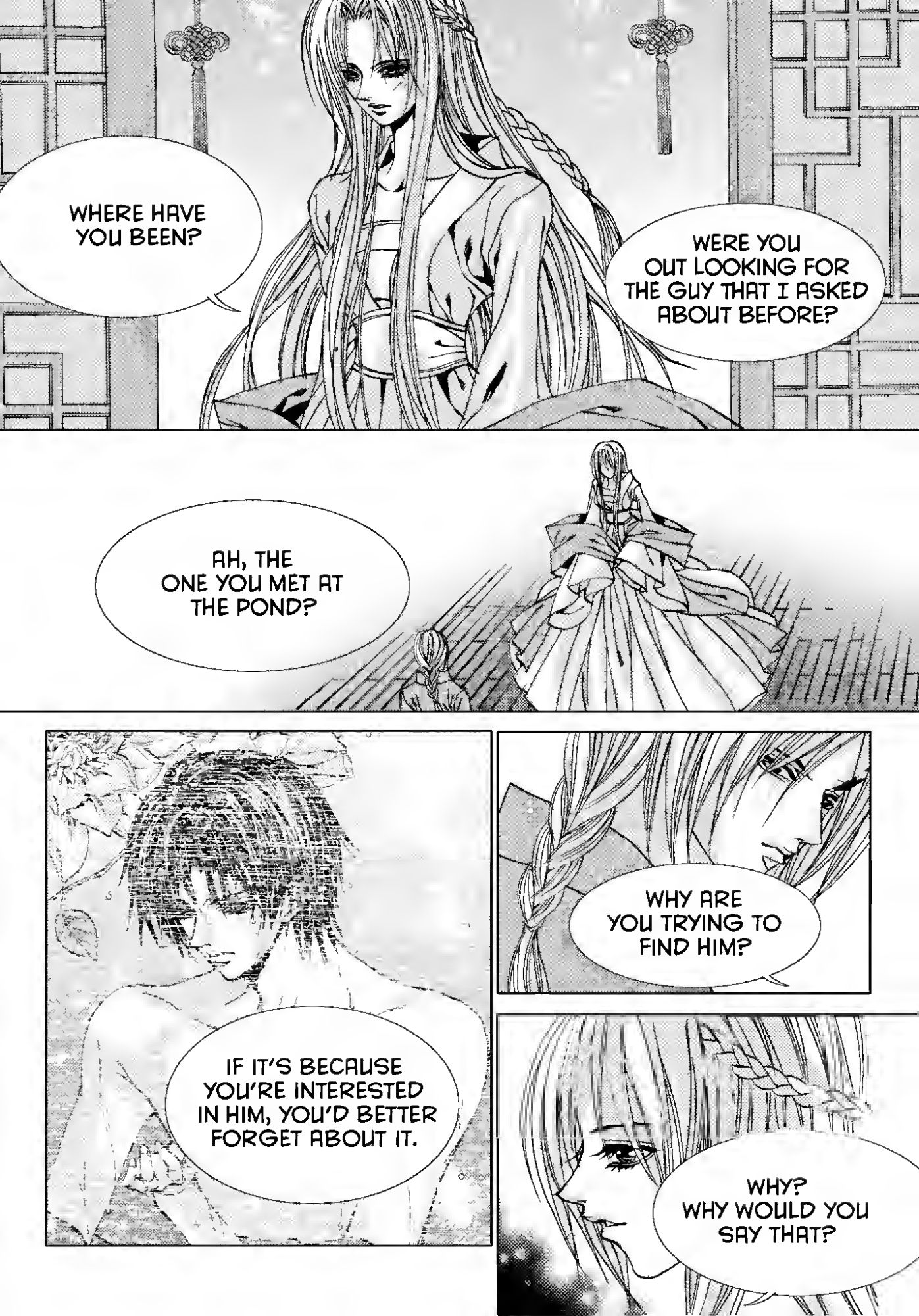
!!
DAMN IT!
WILL YOU STAY WITH HER FOREVER AS A LITTLE BOY?
OR WILL YOU GIVE UP ON HER AND LIVE AN ETERNAL LIFE AS A GOD WITH ALL OF YOUR POWERS RESTORED?
I'LL WAIT A LITTLE LONGER FOR YOUR DECISION.

DONG-YOUNG-*NIM*, THERE YOU ARE!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? ARE YOU OKAY?
NOTHING'S GOING ON. HOW ARE YOU?
YOU LOOK PALE.
IT'S NOTHING. DON'T WORRY.
ARE YOU SURE?


SHFF
SHNNK
FOO...
OF COURSE I LOOK PALE. I'M STILL SHAKING.
EVEN THOUGH HE LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE BOY, I WAS BEING RUDE TO HABAEK, THE WATER GOD.
FURTHERMORE, I WASN'T SURE IF HE STILL HAD HIS POWERS OR NOT. IF HE HAD HIS POWERS, HE COULD HAVE KILLED ME EASILY.

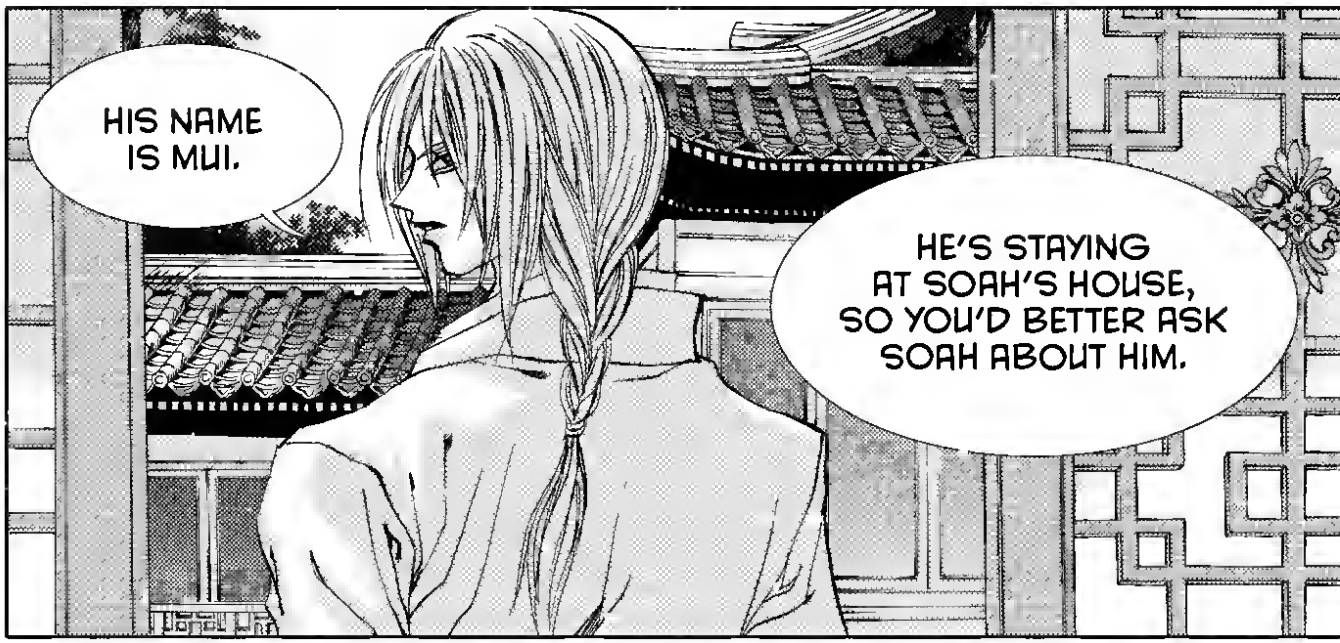

BUT NOW I KNOW FOR SURE. I DON'T KNOW WHY HE LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE BOY, BUT HE APPARENTLY CAN'T USE HIS POWERS.
THAT'S WHY. HE'S NOT GOING BY THE NAME HABAEK. HE'S TRYING TO HIDE HIS IDENTITY.
PEOPLE REVERE HIM AS A WATER GOD, BUT THEY HATE HIM AT THE SAME TIME. IF IT'S REVEALED TO PEOPLE THAT THE WATER GOD IS LIVING AMONG US AS A LITTLE BOY, WITHOUT POWERS...

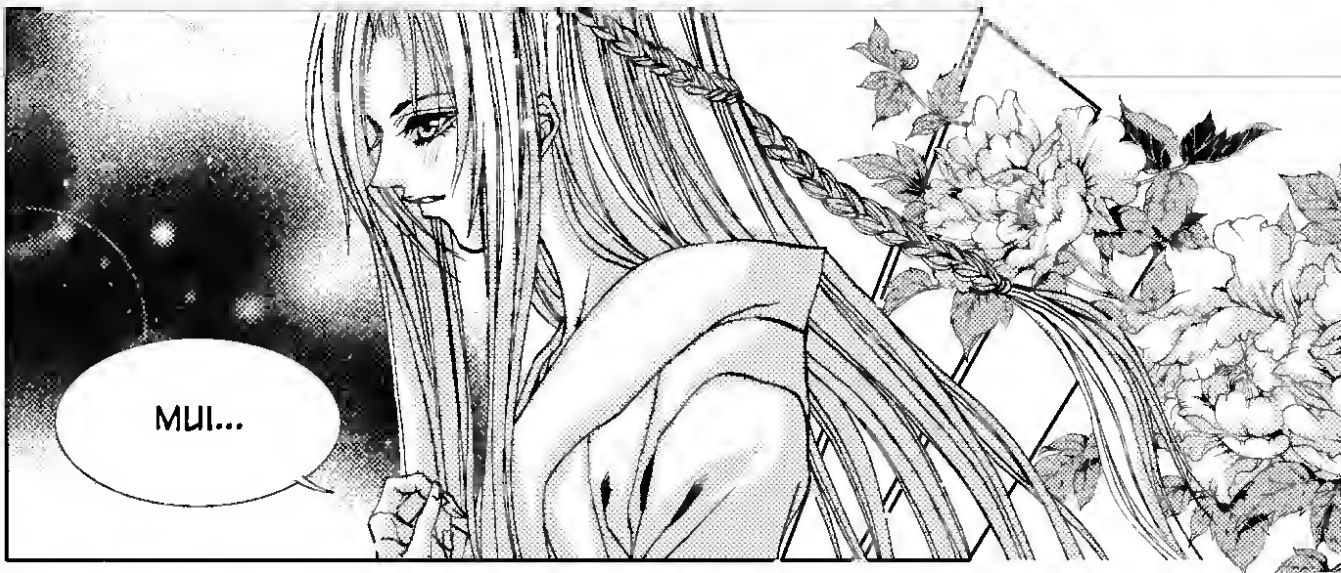

BROTHER, ARE YOU BACK?
YES, WOO-HEE. COME ON IN.
SHFF

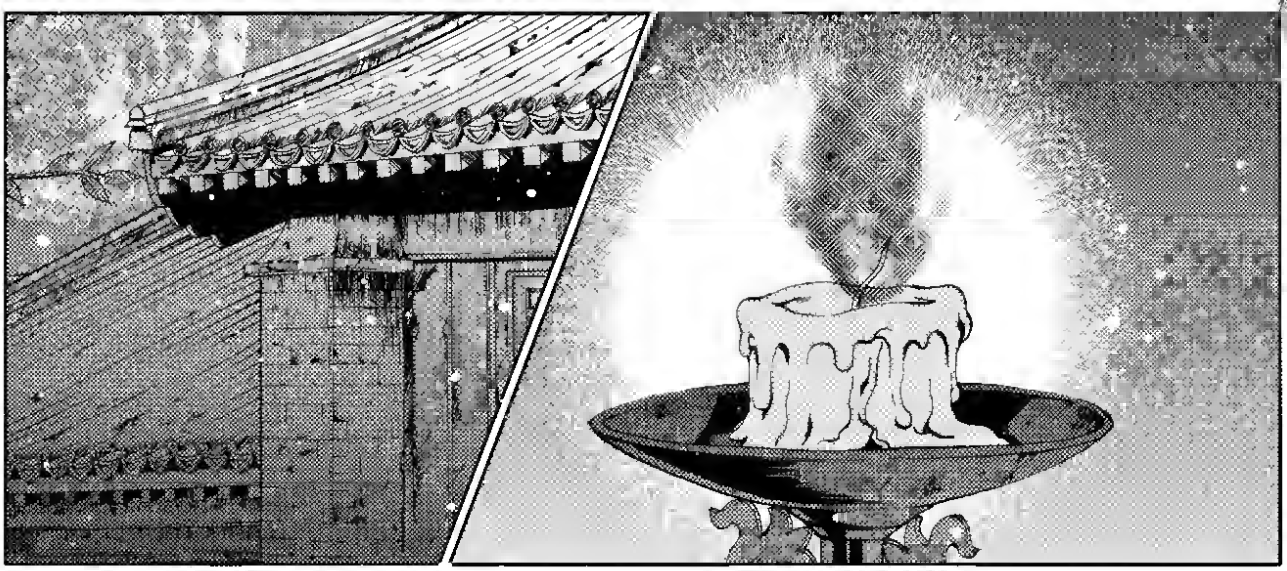

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
WERE YOU OUT LOOKING FOR THE GUY THAT I ASKED ABOUT BEFORE?
AH, THE ONE YOU MET AT THE POND?
IF IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HIM, YOU'D BETTER FORGET ABOUT IT.
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO FIND HIM?
WHY? WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?

HE'S NOT A NORMAL GUY. HE'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK HE IS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IS HE A GOD OR SOME-THING?
IF SO, WILL YOU GIVE UP?
IF HE'S THE WATER GOD, HABAEK, WILL YOU STOP THINKING ABOUT HIM?

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE SAYING THAT, BUT I DON'T CARE IF HE IS A GOD OR WHATEVER.
I COULD MAKE A GOD FALL IN LOVE WITH ME.
WELL...IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, IT CAN'T BE HELPED.


HIS NAME IS MUI.
HE'S STAYING AT SOAH'S HOUSE, SO YOU'D BETTER ASK SOAH ABOUT HIM.


MUI...



NOK
NOK
NOK
WHO IS IT?
AH, WOO-HEE? WHAT BRINGS YOU TO OUR HOUSE?
LONG TIME NO SEE, SOAH. I CAME HERE TO SEE MUI-*NIM*.
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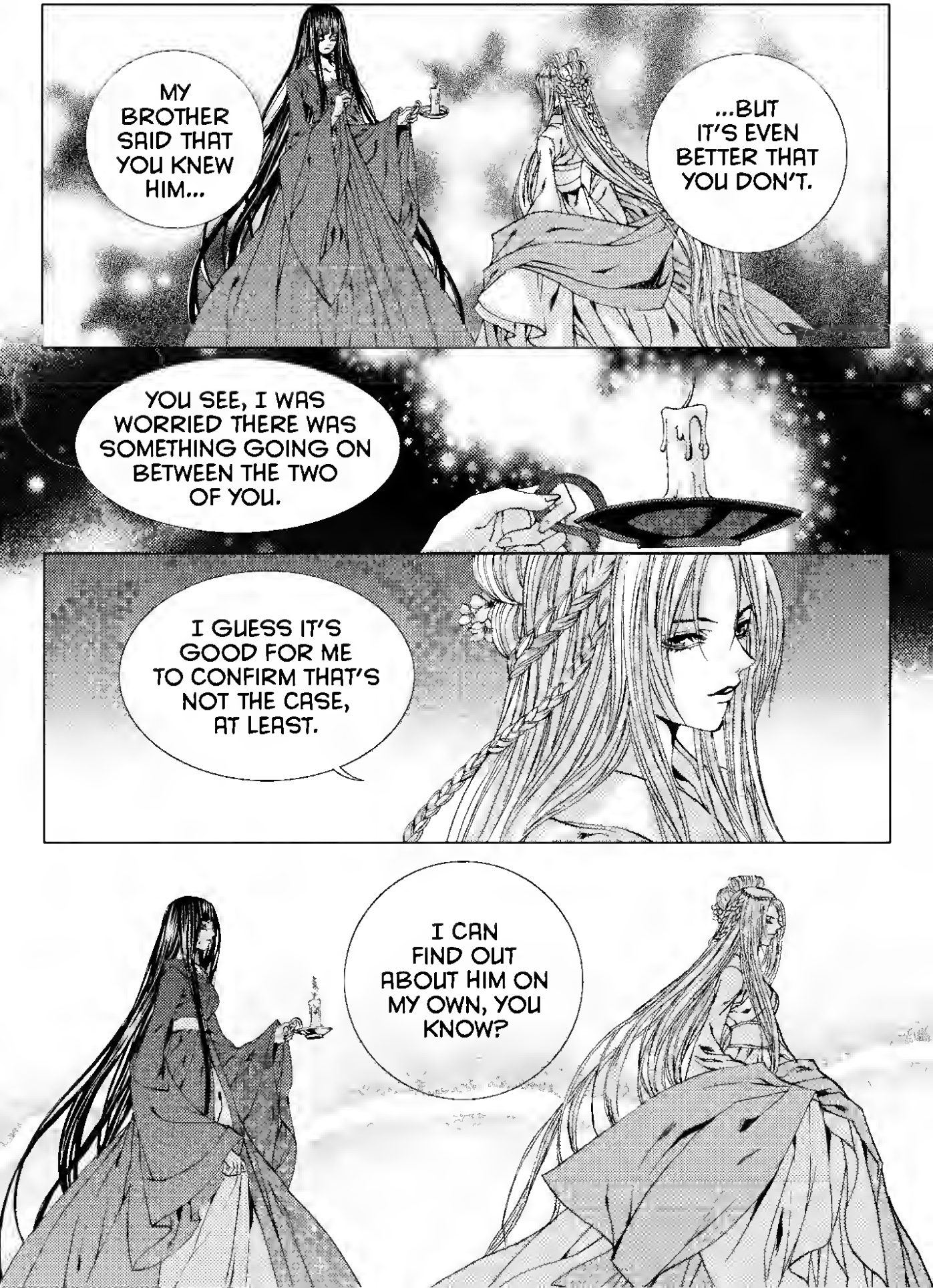
DID YOU SAY... MUI-NIM?
MUI...? IS SHE LOOKING FOR HABAEK?
BUT... HOW DOES WOO-HEE KNOW ABOUT MUI?

EVEN IF SHE KNOWS MUI... HE'S IN THE FORM OF A BOY NOW...
BUT WHY IS SHE CALLING HIM MUI-NIM...?
DOES THIS MEAN THAT SHE MET MUI BEFORE? HOW...? NO WAY...THAT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE.
BOY? NO, THE PERSON I'M LOOKING FOR ISN'T A BOY.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE BOY WHO LIVES HERE?
THE ONE I WANT TO SEE--
--IS A TALL MAN.

두근
B-TMMP
A TALL...
MAN?

IF...THAT IS...REALLY MUI...
WHEN DID YOU MEET HIM? WAS IT...AT NIGHT?
NO. I MET HIM A FEW DAYS AGO NEAR THE POND, DURING THE DAY.
DAYTIME? SHE MET MUI DURING THE DAY?
THAT CAN'T BE MUI. I'VE NEVER SEEN MUI DURING THE DAY, EVEN BACK IN THE GODS' REALM. AND HERE, HE CAN'T CHANGE, EVEN AT NIGHT.

THERE'S NO WAY FOR WOO-HEE TO HAVE MET MUI LIKE THAT.
I'M SORRY, BUT I THINK YOU MUST BE CONFUSING HIM WITH SOMEONE WITH THE SAME NAME. MUI IS NOT A TALL GUY. THE MUI IN OUR HOUSE IS A LITTLE BOY.
OKAY. SORRY. SORRY TO BOTHER YOU SO LATE AT NIGHT.

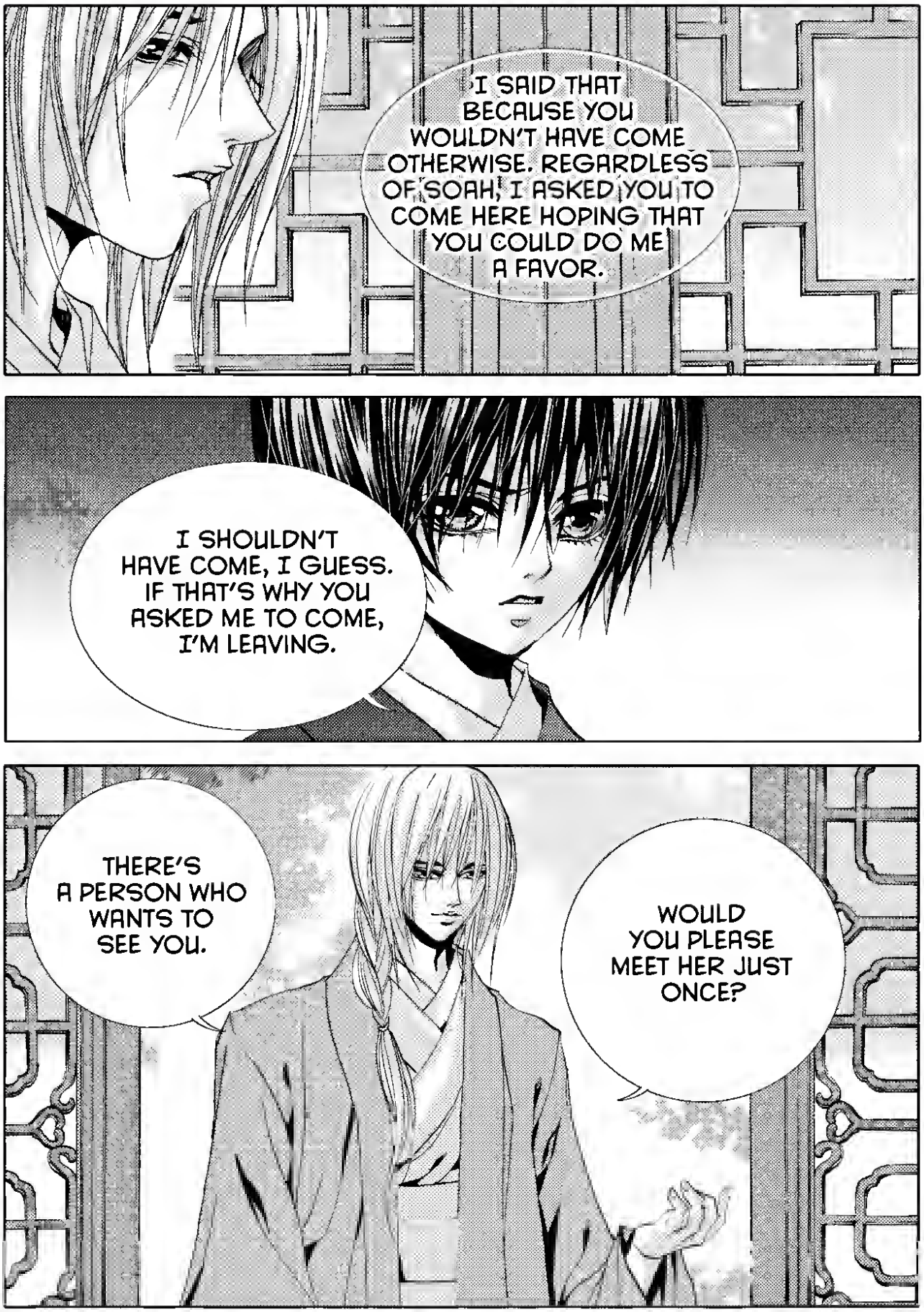

MY BROTHER SAID THAT YOU KNEW HIM...
...BUT IT'S EVEN BETTER THAT YOU DON'T.
YOU SEE, I WAS WORRIED THERE WAS SOMETHING GOING ON BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU.
I GUESS IT'S GOOD FOR ME TO CONFIRM THAT'S NOT THE CASE, AT LEAST.
I CAN FIND OUT ABOUT HIM ON MY OWN, YOU KNOW?

IS THERE A MUI THAT WOO-HEE KNOWS AND I DON'T KNOW?
WHAT AM I MISSING?
FWOOSHAA

I DON'T KNOW WHY DONG-YOUNG-*NIM* ASKED ME TO BRING YOU HERE. WHAT BUSINESS WOULD HE EVER HAVE WITH A LITTLE BOY LIKE YOU?
WAIT HERE. DONG-YOUNG-*NIM* WILL BE OUT SHORTLY.
THANK YOU FOR COMING, HABAEK-*NIM*.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D ACTUALLY COME HERE.

WHAT? DONG-YOUNG DID?
YES, HE WANTED TO TALK TO THE BOY.
HIS SERVANT CAME OVER IN THE MORNING AND TOOK THE BOY TO HIS HOUSE.
WHAT'S GOING ON? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA?
NO, I DON'T KNOW. DON'T WORRY, THOUGH. I'LL CHECK IT OUT.
WHY DOES DONG-YOUNG WANT TO SEE MUI?

I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY RUDE BEHAVIOR AT THE MARKET THE OTHER DAY.
I CAME HERE BECAUSE THERE WAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT CONCERNING SOAH THAT YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT. DON'T WASTE MY TIME.
CUT THE CRAP. TELL ME WHAT YOU REALLY WANT.
SO, TELL ME. WHAT'S THIS IMPORTANT THING YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT?


I SAID THAT BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME OTHERWISE. REGARDLESS OF SOAH, I ASKED YOU TO COME HERE HOPING THAT YOU COULD DO ME A FAVOR.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME, I GUESS. IF THAT'S WHY YOU ASKED ME TO COME, I'M LEAVING.
THERE'S A PERSON WHO WANTS TO SEE YOU.
WOULD YOU PLEASE MEET HER JUST ONCE?

DO YOU REMEMBER?
WHEN YOU TURNED BACK TO YOURSELF, THERE WAS A GIRL AT THE POND.
ACTUALLY, IT WAS MY SISTER.
THAT LADY WAS THIS GUY'S SISTER...?
AND THAT'S THE PERSON WHO REALLY WANTS TO SEE YOU, HABAEK-NIM.
SHE BEGGED ME SO MUCH THAT I HAD TO ASK YOU TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE.

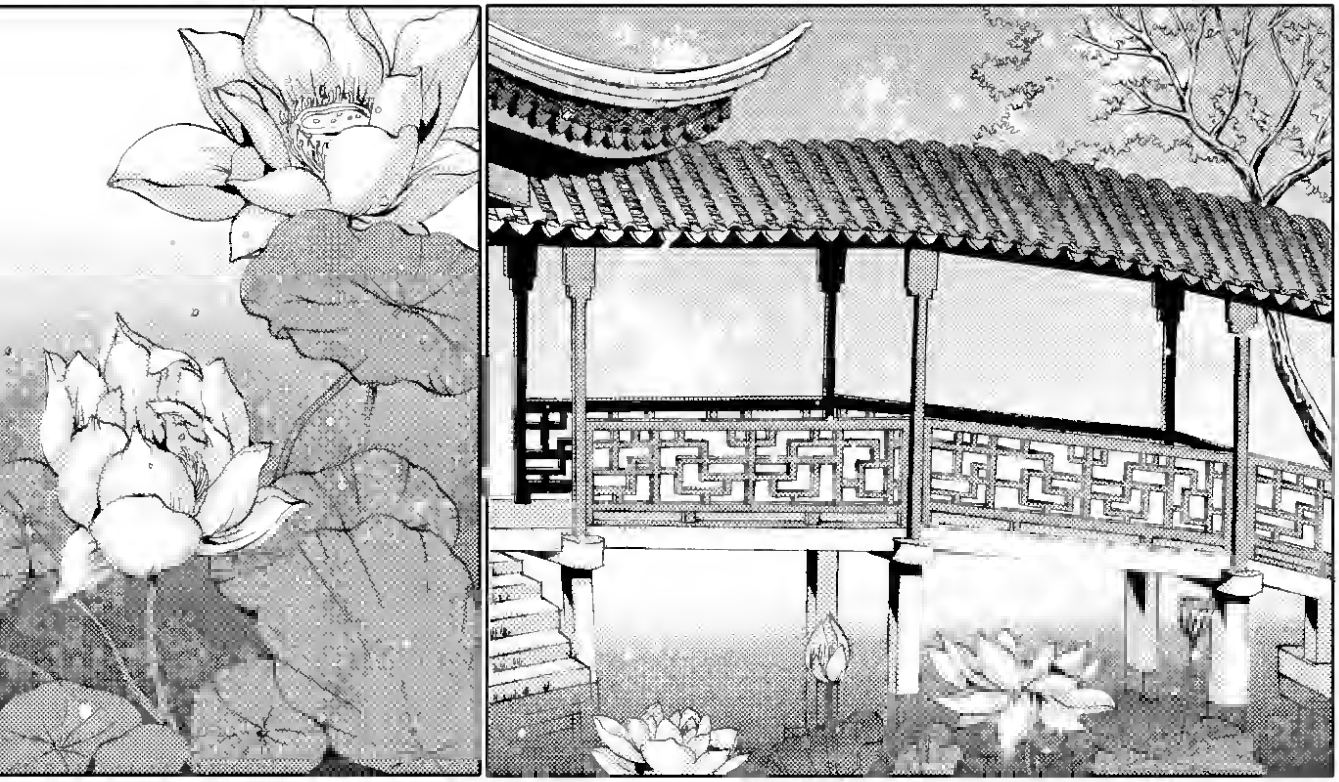
OF COURSE, I HOPE THAT YOU CAN CHANGE INTO YOUR NORMAL FORM FOR HER...
...BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T KNOW YOU AS A LITTLE BOY.
NO.
AS I THOUGHT...
WHY SHOULD I DO THAT?
SHRFF
BROTHER!
WOO-HEE.

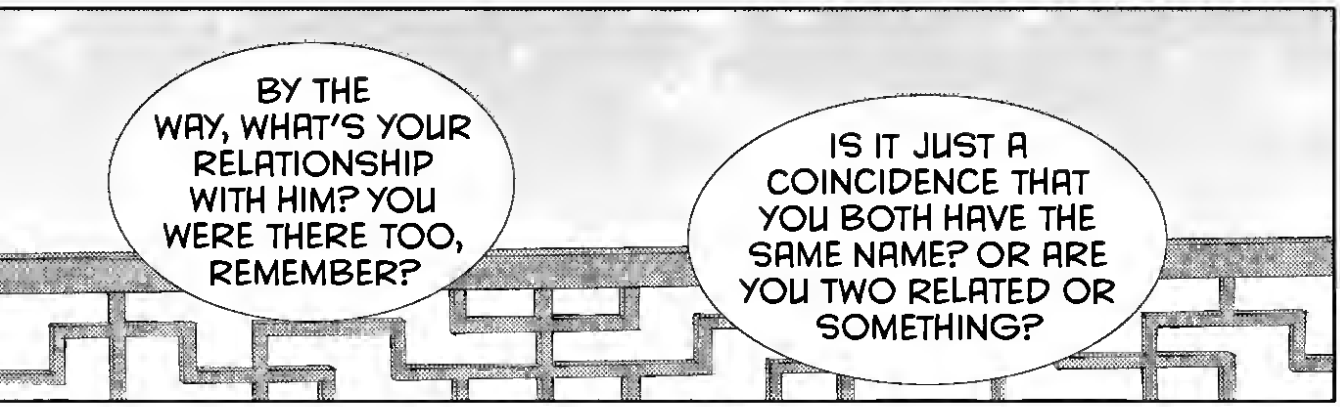
YOU'RE HOME.
OH?
THIS BOY IS...
BROTHER, WHY IS HE HERE?
AREN'T YOU THAT BOY I SAW?
YOU WERE ABOUT TO FALL INTO A POND, RIGHT? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW WORRIED I WAS?

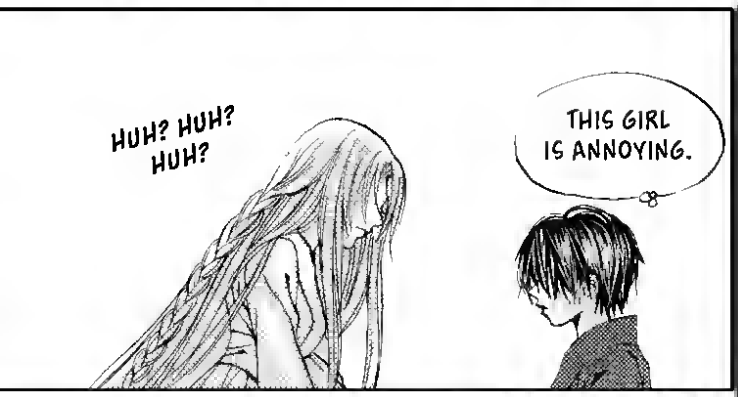
HIS NAME IS MUI. HE'S SOAH'S LONG-LOST RELATIVE.
I WANTED HIM TO COME HERE, AS I HAVE A FEW THINGS TO ASK HIM.
THIS BOY'S NAME IS MUI, TOO?
BROTHER, WHEN YOU'RE DONE TALKING WITH THE BOY, IS IT OKAY IF I SHOW HIM AROUND THE HOUSE?
I GUESS SOAH DIDN'T LIE TO ME AFTER ALL.

WELL, SURE, IF MUI IS OKAY WITH THAT.
SO, I THINK YOU CAN JUST SHOW HIM AROUND THE HOUSE WITHOUT ASKING HIM. IT'S OKAY.
ACTUALLY... MUI IS SHY, SO HE'S NOT VERY HONEST ABOUT HIS FEELINGS...
EXCUSE ME.
?
OH, SOAH! HOW ARE YOU?!

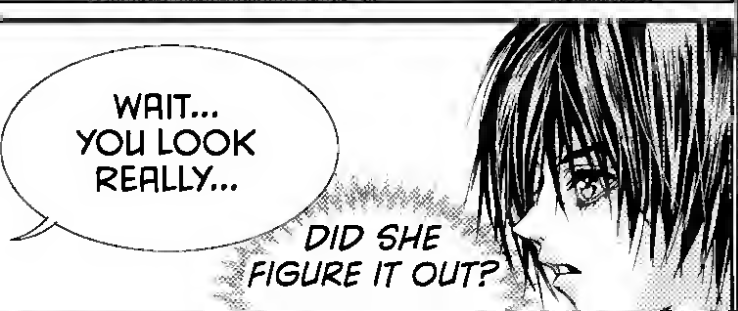
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME! MY, HOW PRETTY YOU'VE BECOME.
THANK YOU. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
AH, THAT BOY. I SAW LADY WOO-HEE TAKING HIM TO THE BACKYARD EARLIER.
SAME OLD, SAME OLD. AH, ARE YOU HERE TO SEE DONG-YOUNG-*NIM*?
YES. I HEARD THAT HE HAS THE BOY FROM OUR HOUSE HERE.
LADY WOO-HEE...?
IT CAN'T BE... WAS HABAEK REALLY THE MAN THAT WOO-HEE WAS LOOKING FOR?




BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM? YOU WERE THERE TOO, REMEMBER?
IS IT JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT YOU BOTH HAVE THE SAME NAME? OR ARE YOU TWO RELATED OR SOMETHING?


HUH? HUH? HUH?
THIS GIRL IS ANNOYING.

SUPER CUTE! ❤


WAIT... YOU LOOK REALLY...
DID SHE FIGURE IT OUT?

KYAAA!
STOP THAT!
멈칫
FLINCH
?!
MUI...?
WOW, YOU'LL BE A HANDSOME MAN IN THE FUTURE.

DON'T TOUCH ME!
휘익
HWPP
휘청
FWNNP
EH?!
AH! CAREFUL! YOU'RE GOING TO--
쿵
SPLOOSH
MUI!
?!

MUI!!
THAT VOICE... SOAH? WHY IS SHE HERE?
MUI, ARE YOU OKAY?
!!
쇠아악
SPLOOSH

SOAH?
MUI...? HOW?
THE BOY... HAS TURNED INTO MUI?!
OH, MY GOD! WHAT HAPPENED?
HEH HEH! I KNOW IT IS A NICE REUNION, BUT IT'S TOO EARLY TO BE HAPPY.

ALTHOUGH YOU CAN SEE EACH OTHER, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO TOUCH.
RIGHT, JUST LIKE GYEON-WOO AND JIK-NYEO, WHO CAN NEVER BE TOGETHER. THE MILKY WAY IS ALWAYS BETWEEN THEM.

IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR TRUE FORM, YOU'D BETTER STAY FAR, FAR AWAY FROM HER, HABAEK.
ONCE YOU GET CLOSE TO SOAH, YOU WILL INSTANTLY TURN BACK INTO A LITTLE BOY.

MUI...!
AFTER FALLING INTO THE WATER, HABAEK CHANGED TO MUI.
BUT HE WASN'T ABLE TO TURN INTO MUI BEFORE, EVEN AT NIGHT...!
HE CHANGED TO MUI DURING THE DAY! WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHY DOES SOAH HAVE TO BE HERE RIGHT NOW?
MUI! WHAT HAPPENED? YOUR SHAPE RIGHT NOW...
THE MUI THAT LADY WOO-HEE MET WAS REALLY-- AH! THIS MEANS THAT HE KNEW HE COULD CHANGE!
BUT WHY DID HE KEEP IT A SECRET FROM ME? I WANT TO ASK, BUT I'M AFRAID OF HIS ANSWER.

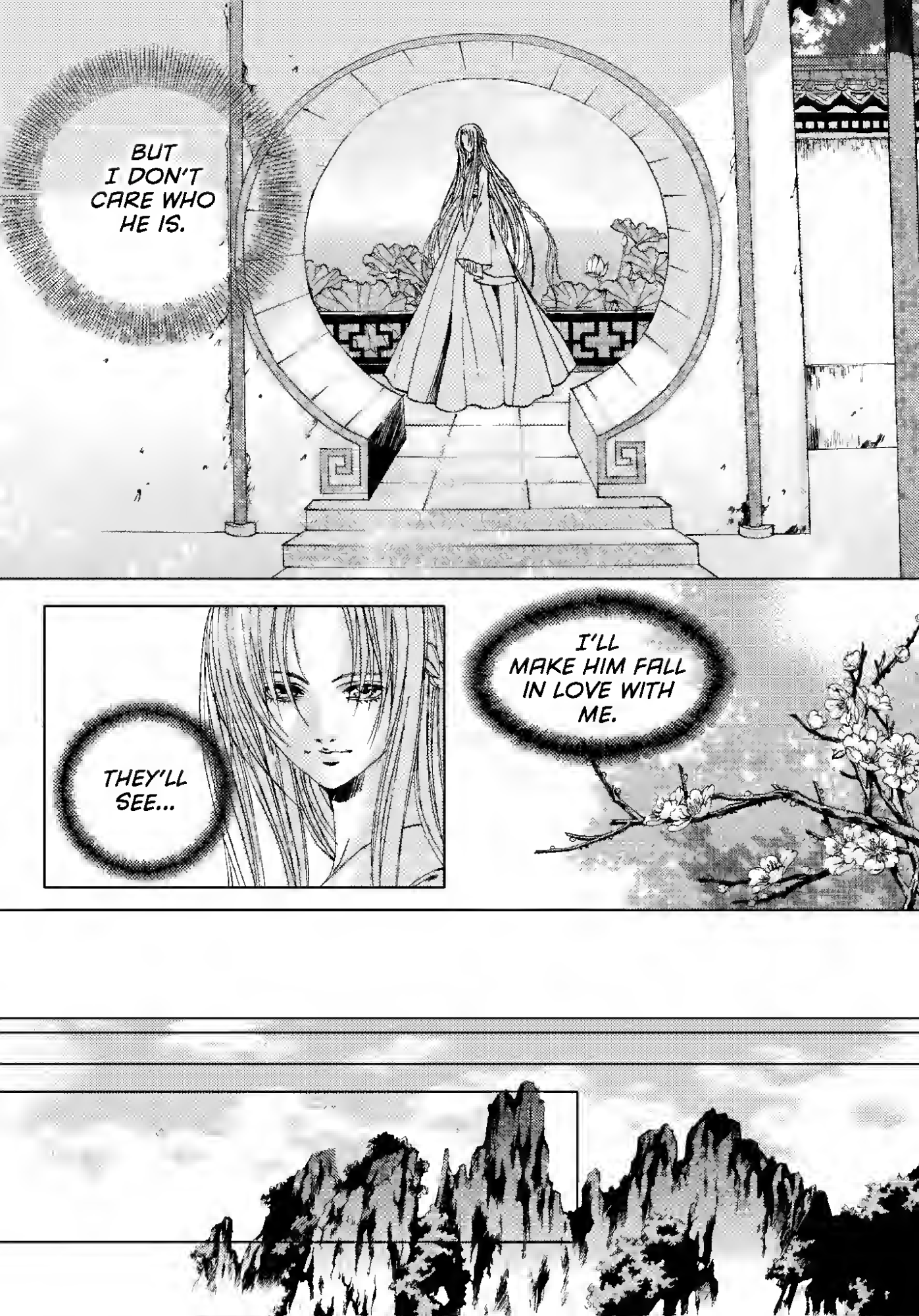
GOOD LORD... WHAT IS THIS...
AH! LADY WOO-HEE!
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE MORE PEOPLE FIND OUT ABOUT THIS.
휘이
HWIP
첨벙
SPLISH
MUI! LET'S GET--
탁 탁 탁
TOK TOK TOK

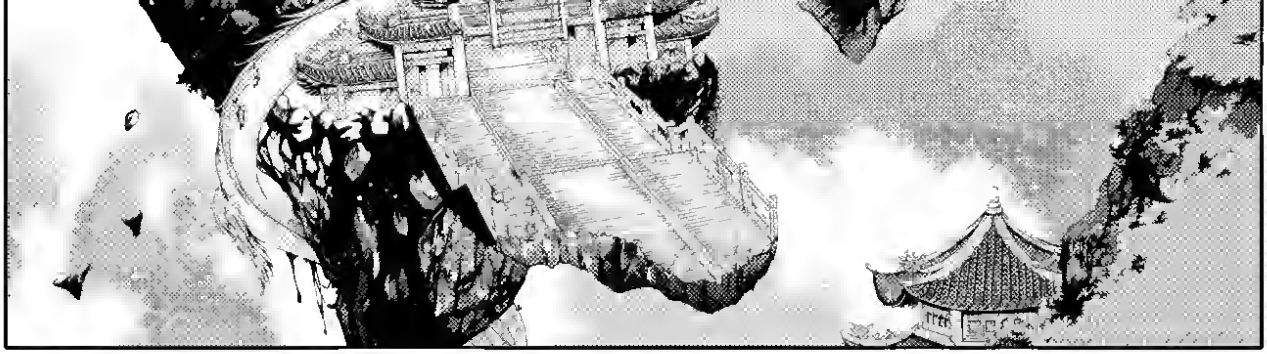
NO! DON'T COME CLOSER!
FREEZE

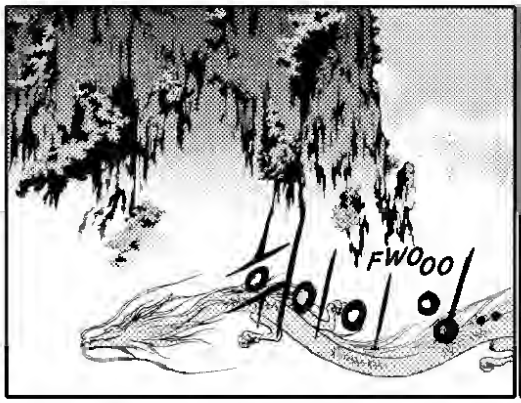
MUI...?
NO! I DON'T WANT SOAH TO SEE THAT I'LL TURN INTO A LITTLE BOY.
DON'T ASK ME ANYTHING RIGHT NOW. JUST GO HOME.
휘익
HWIP
I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING LATER...
SPLISH
첨벙
MUI!

WHY...?

THEY KNOW EACH OTHER, AS I EXPECTED. AND FOR WHATEVER REASON, THEY DON'T SEEM TO GET ALONG WELL.
BY THE WAY...THAT LITTLE BOY, TURNED INTO A MAN INSTANTLY.
HEH HEH!
IS THIS WHY MY BROTHER SAID THAT HE WASN'T A NORMAL GUY?


BUT I DON'T CARE WHO HE IS.
I'LL MAKE HIM FALL IN LOVE WITH ME.
THEY'LL SEE...

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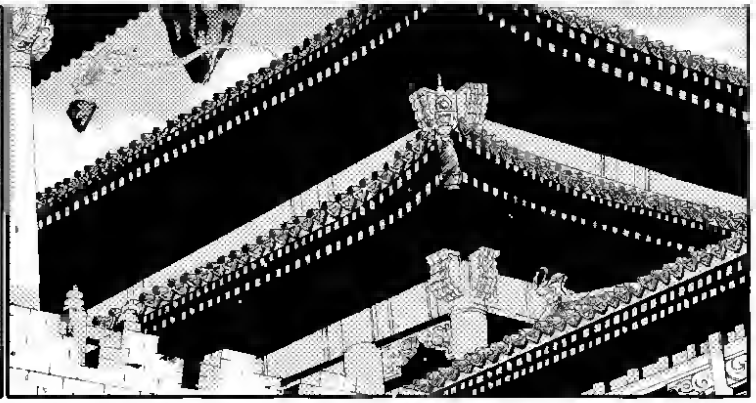

WHAT? WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
SAY THAT AGAIN...?
HABAEK... MY BOY...
...HAS BECOME... A HUMAN?!

SORRY TO TELL YOU, BUT IT'S TRUE.
NO WAY. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
WHAT I HEARD WAS THAT HE FREELY CHOSE TO BE A HUMAN.
THE NEWS HAS ALREADY SPREAD THROUGH-OUT THE REALM OF THE GODS.
HABAEK, THE WATER GOD, HAS GIVEN UP HIS ROLE AS A GOD FOR A HUMAN GIRL.
A HUMAN GIRL?

HE THREW EVERYTHING AWAY JUST FOR A HUMAN GIRL?
I WAS RIGHT. I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET SOAH LIVE.
I SHOULD HAVE KILLED HER THAT NIGHT WHEN I FIRST MET HER.
?
WHO'S RESPONSIBLE? WHO HELPED MY SON TURN INTO A HUMAN?

NEVER MIND. NO NEED TO ASK.
IT MUST'VE BEEN THE EMPEROR...
CONFLICT IN OUR REALM WILL NEVER END AS LONG AS HE IS ALIVE.
I SHOULD END THIS. IT'S THE ONLY WAY.
I SHOULD FINISH THIS WITH MY HANDS.
저벅 KTOK
저벅 KTOK
SHNNK
덜컥.

KIANNG
PLEASE FORGIVE US. BY THE EMPEROR'S ORDERS, WE CANNOT LET YOU OUT OF THIS ROOM.

DON'T YOU DARE BLOCK ME! GET OUT OF MY WAY!!

HA HA! THE LEGENDARY POWER OF SEO-WANG-MO!
?
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쇄애애애
VWNNNN
틱
KCKAK
틱
KNNCH
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챙
TAKKA
챙
KTANNK

YOU ARE...
TAE-EUL-JIN-IN!
WHAT ARE... YOU DOING HERE?

WHY IS THE DRAGON KING, THE KING OF THE DRAGON TRIBE, HERE AT THE PALACE?

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WAS CALLED BY THAT NAME...
...SO PLEASE CALL ME TAE-EUL-JIN-IN AS OFTEN AS YOU WISH. I LIKE IT.
BY THE WAY, I'M AMAZED THAT YOU RECOGNIZED ME RIGHT AWAY.
I WAS PRETTY CONFIDENT NOBODY WOULD RECOGNIZE ME, DISGUISED THIS WAY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? ARE YOU ALIGNING YOURSELF WITH THE EMPEROR?
HABAEK HASN'T SUMMONED YOU, HAS HE? ISN'T IT THE DUTY OF THE DRAGON TRIBE TO ANSWER A CALL? NOW, YOUR MASTER IS HABAEK...
...SO AS RULER OVER ALL DRAGON KINGS, ARE YOU OBEYING HIM...OR TURNING YOUR BACK TO HIM?
MASTER...?

I WILL CHOOSE MY OWN MASTER.

?
DOES THAT MEAN... THAT YOU'VE PICKED THE EMPEROR TO BE YOUR NEW MASTER?

YOU MISUNDER-STAND ME.

I HAVEN'T PICKED AT ALL.

I SEE. SO THE REASON YOU WENT TO SUGUK, STAYED AROUND HABAEK, AND HID YOUR IDENTITY WAS...BECAUSE YOU WERE STUDYING HABAEK TO SEE IF HE WAS WORTHY TO BE THE DRAGON KING'S MASTER...?
AND NOW YOU'VE MADE UP YOUR MIND?
WELL... TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT SURE YET.
IT'S CLEAR THAT HE'S A STRONG GOD, WITH LOTS OF POTENTIAL. IT'S FUN TO WORK WITH HIM, AND HE KEEPS ME BUSY. BUT...HE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH YET.

ONE THING'S FOR SURE, THOUGH.
I'M CERTAINLY CURIOUS TO SEE JUST WHAT KIND OF WATER GOD HE WILL GROW UP TO BE.

WHY ARE YOU SHOWING UP AND TELLING ME THIS NOW?
I ONLY SHOWED MYSELF TO HELP YOU, WANG-MO. I CAN HELP YOU GET OUT OF HERE, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T PICK MY SON AS YOUR MASTER, YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A THREAT OR AN ENEMY TO HIM.

BUT IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD TRY TO TRUST ME.
?
YOUR ONLY SON HAS BECOME A HUMAN, AND YOUR HUSBAND LEFT RECENTLY TO KILL ONE OF HIS FRIENDS IN ORDER TO SAVE YOU.
YOUR FACE TELLS ME THAT YOU DON'T TRUST ME. I UNDERSTAND.

?
MOK-
GONG!!
MUI!!
HEY!
MUI!
WAIT FOR ME!

WE'VE MET BEFORE...DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
저벅 TOK
저벅 TOK
저벅 TOK
I SAID-- WAIT FOR ME!
HABAEK!
멈칫 STARTLE

덥석
SNATCH
NOW LOOK AT ME.

휘이이이이
HWOOSHAAA

TURNING AROUND THE RED CASTLE,
LIGHTLY SLIDING THROUGH THE LATTICE WINDOW,
ARE YOU TOUCHING UPON THE ONE WHO CAN'T SLEEP?

I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE MOON,
BUT WHY IS IT ALWAYS FULL
WHEN I'VE JUST HAD MY HEART BROKEN?

FOR ALL HUMANS,
THERE ARE UPS AND DOWNS,
MEETINGS AND PARTINGS.

FOR THE MOON, THERE IS CLEAR
OR CLOUDY,
FULL OR CRESCENT,
A PERFECT CYCLE TO ILLUMINATE
OUR STRUGGLES.

I'M JUST HOPING...

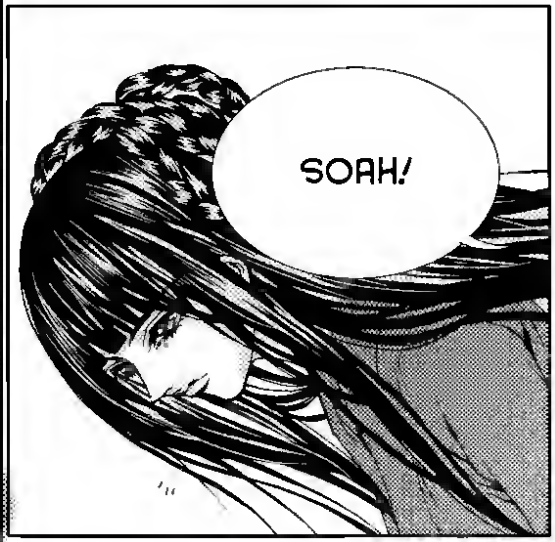
HOPING WE'RE ENJOYING THE
MOONLIGHT TOGETHER,
EVEN THOUSANDS OF MILES
APART.

FROM SOO-JO-GA-DOO
– BY SO DONG-PA

I HAVE TO GO HOME.

BECAUSE MUI ASKED ME TO GO HOME, FIRST OF ALL.

IT'S OKAY... ONCE HE COMES BACK, HE'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO ME...


SOAH!

I WAS LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK SAD. IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
BUT NOW... I FEEL THAT HE'S SO MUCH FURTHER AWAY THAN WHEN HE WAS A GOD.
I THOUGHT I WOULD UNDERSTAND MUI BETTER ONCE HE BECAME A HUMAN.
SOAH...?

?!
SOAH?!

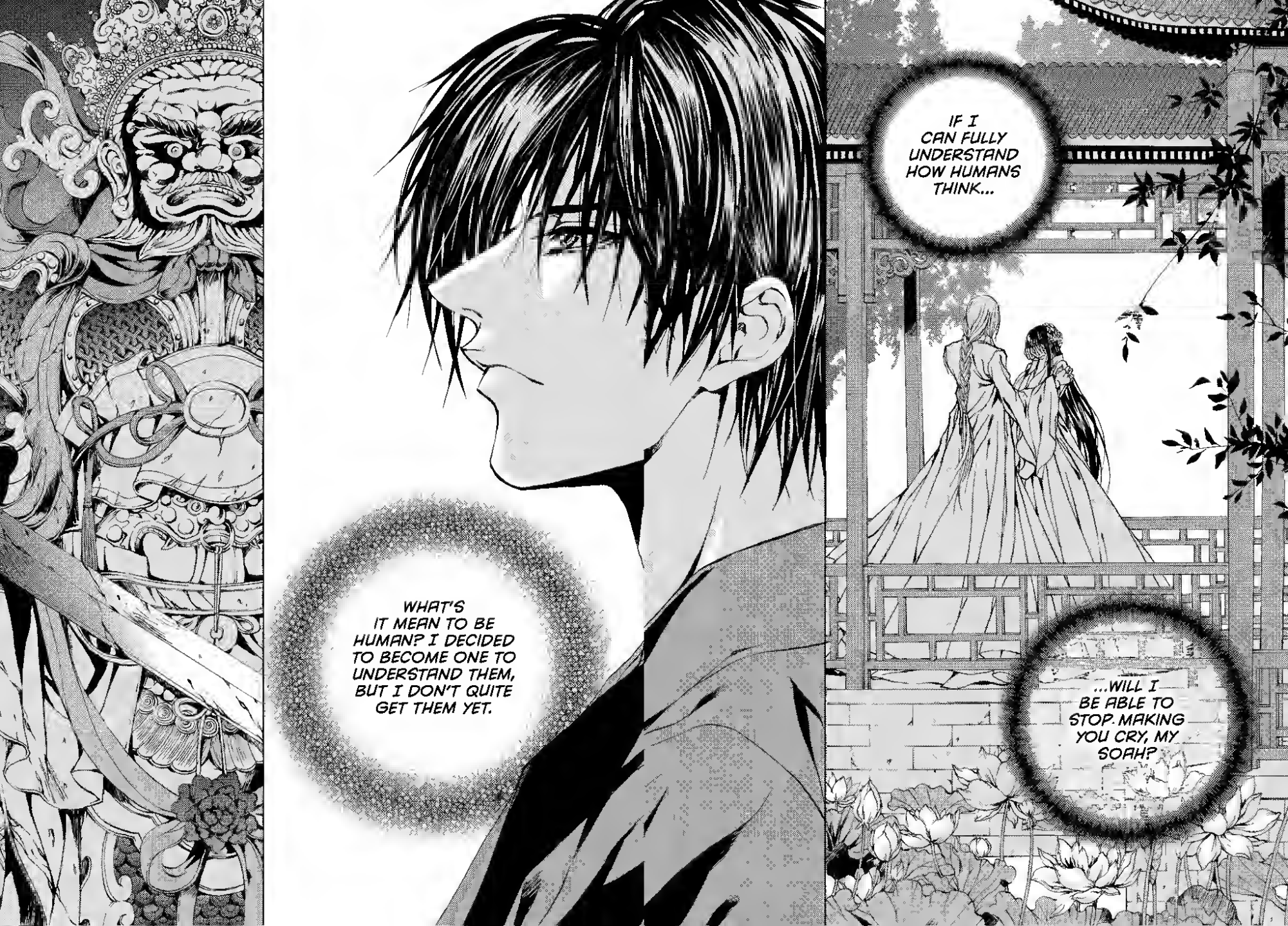
MUI...PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME HERE... ALONE...
PLEASE DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON ME AND LEAVE...
THIS IS IT. COME ON IN.
끼이이익
SHRFFF
저벅..
THMP

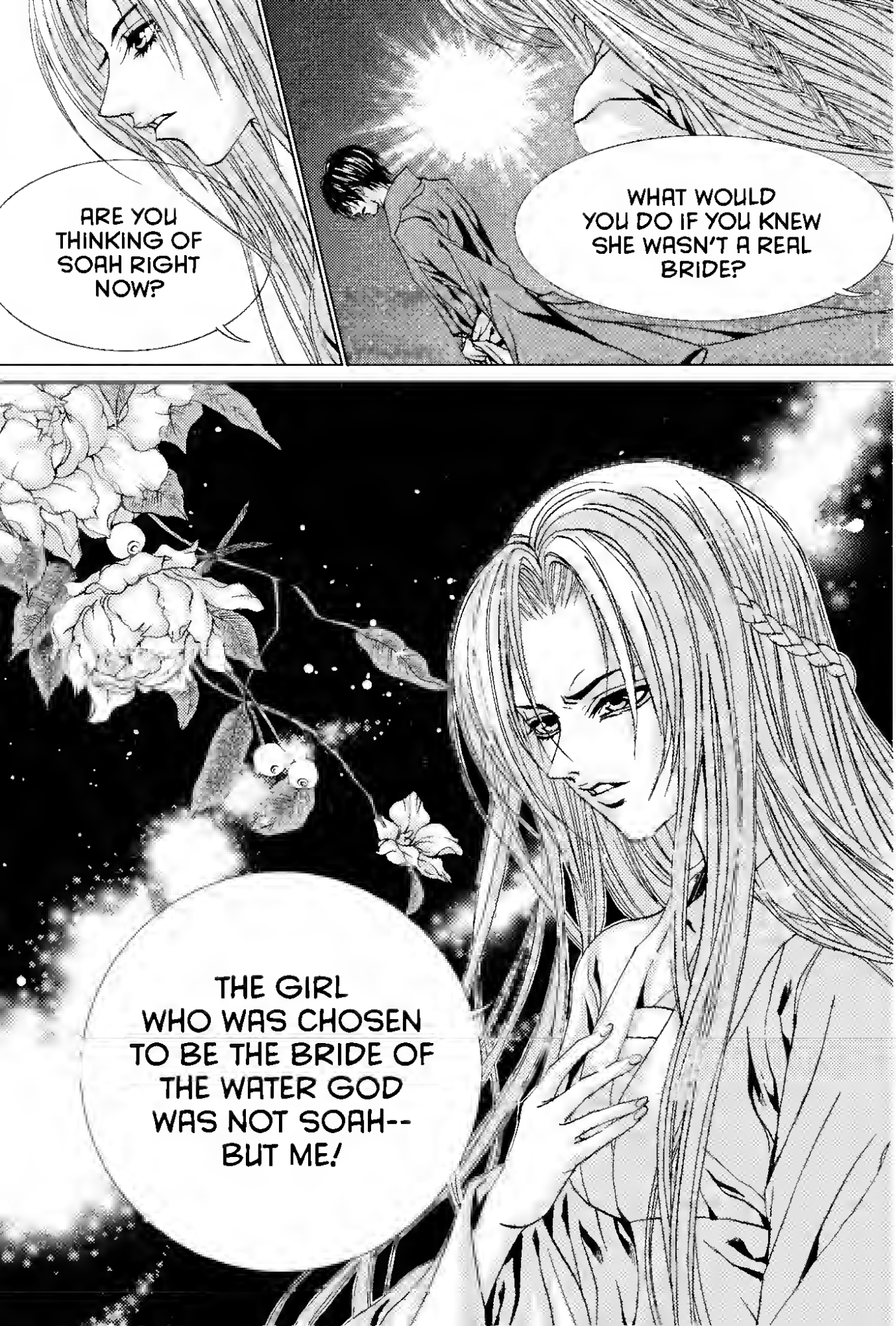
WHY'D YOU TAKE ME HERE?
THIS...THIS IS A TEMPLE WHERE WE PRAY TO HABAEK-*NIM*, THE WATER GOD.
WHEN WE HAVE A DROUGHT OR A FLOOD, EVERYONE FROM THE VILLAGE COMES HERE TO PRAY TO THE WATER GOD.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I CAME HERE TO PRAY WHENEVER I DID SOMETHING WRONG OR HAD A WISH TO MAKE.

I'M NOT THE WATER GOD. WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME HABAEK?
NOBODY CAN CHANGE HIS FORM LIKE THAT.
I SAW YOU CHANGE FROM A LITTLE BOY TO THE PERSON YOU ARE NOW WITH MY OWN EYES.
BUT YOU'RE NOT A NORMAL GUY.
NO, I'M NOT NORMAL. DOES THAT MAKE ME HABAEK?
I'M NOT JUST GUESSING.
IT'S BECAUSE SOAH WAS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT YOU TO OUR VILLAGE.

SOAH IS THE BRIDE OF THE WATER GOD--SO IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT THE WATER GOD WOULD BE WITH HER.
THCH
WHAT ARE YOU PRAYING FOR NOW?

I PRAY THAT THE WATER GOD WILL MAKE YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME.
I KNOW. THE REAL GOD IS IN FRONT OF ME.
THERE IS NO GOD HERE. THAT'S JUST A STATUE.


WHAT'S IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN? I DECIDED TO BECOME ONE TO UNDERSTAND THEM, BUT I DON'T QUITE GET THEM YET.
IF I CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW HUMANS THINK...
...WILL I BE ABLE TO STOP MAKING YOU CRY, MY SOAH?


ARE YOU THINKING OF SOAH RIGHT NOW?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW SHE WASN'T A REAL BRIDE?
THE GIRL WHO WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE BRIDE OF THE WATER GOD WAS NOT SOAH-- BUT ME!

SOAH IS A FAKE BRIDE WHO WAS SOLD FOR MONEY.
THE REVELATION THAT THE FEMALE SHAMAN RECEIVED WAS THAT I WAS TO BE A BRIDE, NOT SOAH.

MY BROTHER WAS CHOSEN TO BE SOAH'S FIANCÉ.
IF THINGS WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN, SOAH WOULD HAVE MARRIED MY BROTHER, DONG-YOUNG.
IF OUR DESTINIES HADN'T BEEN SWITCHED, EVERYTHING WOULD BE DIFFERENT NOW.
AND THE GIRL BY YOUR SIDE WOULD BE ME, NOT SOAH...

NOW I SEE. IT WASN'T A COINCIDENCE THAT I MET YOU AT THE POND THE OTHER DAY.
IT CAN'T BE A COINCIDENCE FOR YOU AND THE REAL BRIDE OF THE WATER GOD TO HAVE MET THERE.
DON'T YOU SEE THAT IT'S OUR DESTINY TO BE TOGETHER?

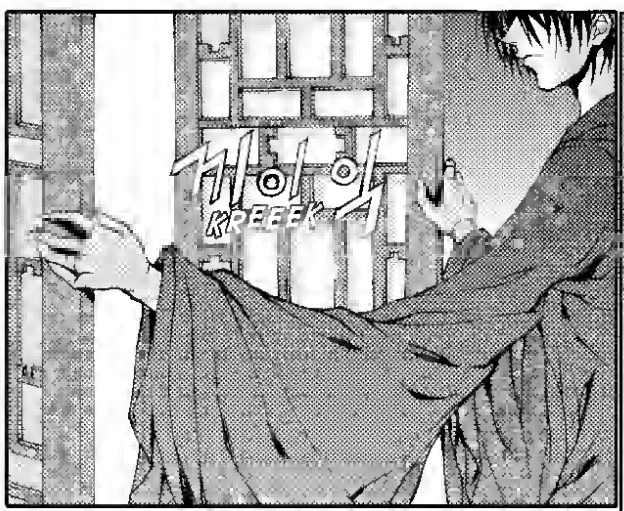
WE GOT OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT, BUT NOW THINGS ARE GETTING BACK TO WHERE THEY SHOULD BE.
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THIS WAY FROM THE BEGINNING.

SQUEEZE
FWSH
B-THMMP
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH MY CURRENT BRIDE.

HA!
FINE. THIS CONFIRMS TO ME THAT YOU ARE THE WATER GOD--AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR NOW.
HWSH
WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS. I'LL MAKE YOU LOVE ME, NO MATTER WHAT.

HABAEK IS SO IN LOVE WITH ME!

HER UNREASONABLE CONFIDENCE REMINDS ME OF SOAH!
HEH HEH!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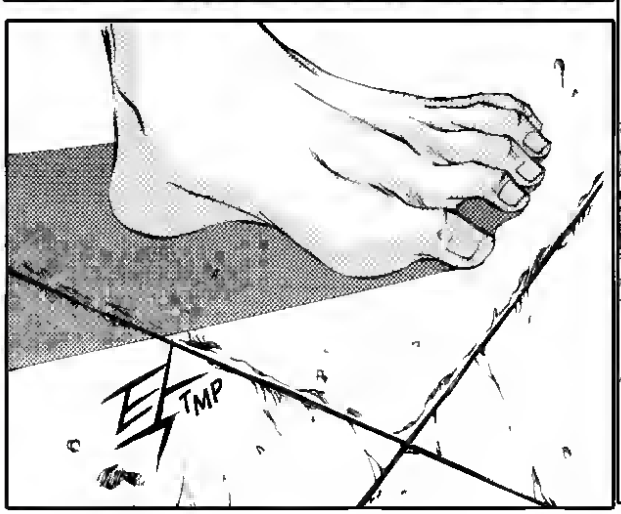
NOW I NEED TO GET BACK TO SOAH.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SHE ACTS LIKE SHE'S STRONG, BUT I KNOW THAT MY WIFE HAS A FRAGILE HEART, AND SHE'S PROBABLY ALONE SOMEWHERE, CRYING.
AND...
...IF SHE FINDS OUT THAT SHE'S THE REASON THAT I TURN INTO A LITTLE BOY NOW, SHE'LL TRY TO LEAVE ME.
SO...I MUST FIND A WAY TO BREAK THIS CURSE BEFORE SHE FINDS OUT.

I WANT TO LIVE A LIFE WITH YOU...BENEATH THE WARM RAYS OF THE SUN.
IT SEEMED LIKE THEY WERE NOT GETTING ALONG... AM I WRONG ABOUT THAT?

BUT WHAT IS A GOD DOING HERE IN THE HUMAN WORLD?
MAYBE HE'S SOME SORT OF PUNISHED GOD, IN EXILE?
I WILL FIND OUT.
ONCE I FIGURE THAT OUT, IT'LL BE EASIER FOR ME TO GET CLOSER TO YOU.

I'M SORRY FOR A LOT OF THINGS TODAY. I'LL LEAVE NOW.

OH, AND PLEASE TELL LADY WOO-HEE THAT I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO TALK TO HER, AND I'LL VISIT HER SOON.
SURE, I WILL.
BUT ARE YOU OKAY GOING BACK BY YOURSELF? YOU SAID YOU CAME TO TAKE MUI HOME...?
WOO-HEE WANTED TO SHOW HIM AROUND THE HOUSE. DO YOU WANT ME TO GO FIND THEM?
NO, IT'S OKAY. I'LL GO BACK ON MY OWN.

DOES THIS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOU CRYING EARLIER?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL ME, IT'S FINE.
.....
ACTUALLY... I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
?

REALLY? WHAT IS IT?
I THINK YOU SHOULD STAY AT OUR HOUSE FOR A WHILE.
IF YOUR FATHER COMES BACK, WHO KNOWS WHAT'LL HAPPEN THIS TIME. I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
OF COURSE, YOU CAN BRING THE BOY WITH YOU. YOU'D BOTH BE SAFE.

I WANT TO BE NEAR YOU TO PROTECT YOU.
"IF THINGS WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN, SOAH WOULD HAVE MARRIED MY BROTHER, DONG-YOUNG."

SO, WHAT WOULD YOU DO, WANG-MO-*NIM*?
WOULD YOU STAY HERE? OR WOULD YOU TEAM UP WITH ME, THEN?

I DON'T TRUST YOU.
BUT...
...LET'S SAY THAT I'LL TRY TO TRUST YOU.
IT BREAKS MY HEART THAT YOU DON'T TRUST ME...
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...BUT WHEN YOU LOOK BACK ON THIS LATER, YOU'LL HAVE NO REGRETS OVER THIS DECISION.

OH, BY THE WAY, I'M NOT SURE IF YOU KNOW THE STORY BEHIND ALL THIS.
I HEARD THAT HABAEK BECAME A HUMAN BECAUSE OF SOAH. WHAT INCREDIBLE LOVE! I GUESS HE WOULD EVEN DIE FOR HER.
FOR ME, THAT WOULDN'T BE TOO BAD, BECAUSE THAT WOULD RELEASE ME FROM THESE BINDS AND SET ME FREE.

WHERE WILL YOU GO, ONCE YOU GET OUT OF HERE?
HWIP
...I'M GOING TO THE HUMAN WORLD.
THE HUMAN WORLD... APPARENTLY YOU'RE MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SON THAN YOUR HUSBAND.

?
FSHAAA
I'M GOING TO GO TO THE HUMAN WORLD... TO KILL SOAH!

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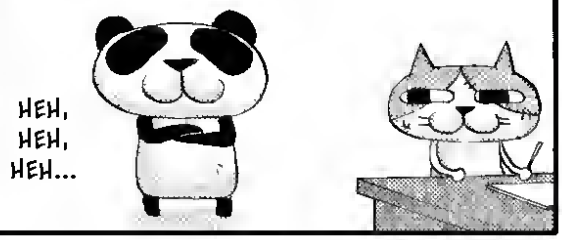
MI-GAENG'S ☆CLOSING DIARY☆

("MI-GAENG" IS MI-KYUNG YUN'S NICKNAME.)

<JAMAIS VU>

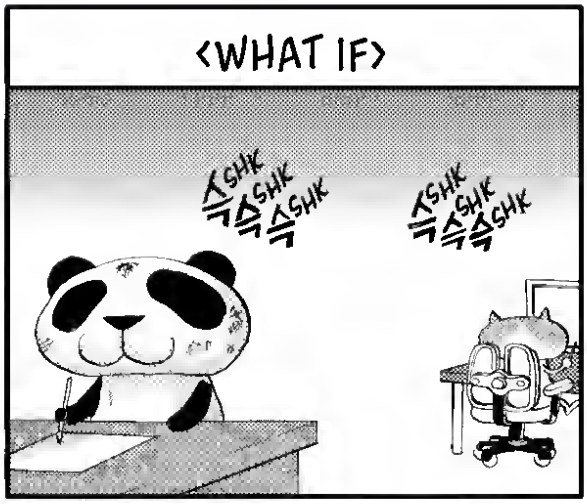
IT'S WEIRD! USUALLY I HAVE THEM FINISHED BY NOW. WHY IS THIS SCRIPT TAKING SO MUCH LONGER THAN USUAL?

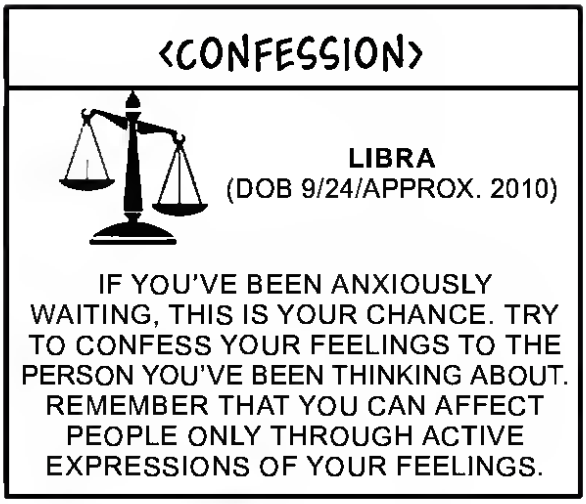
THAT'S JUST HOW YOU FEEL. ACTUALLY, IT'S TAKING THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME, BUT SOMETIMES YOU FEEL THAT IT'S LONGER THAN USUAL FOR NO REASON.



THAT'S WHAT'S CALLED *JAMAIS VU*. ONCE YOU HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE, YOU WILL FEEL THIS MORE OFTEN.

MAYBE IT WAS NOT "JAMAIS VU," BUT "JA-MENTIA"...

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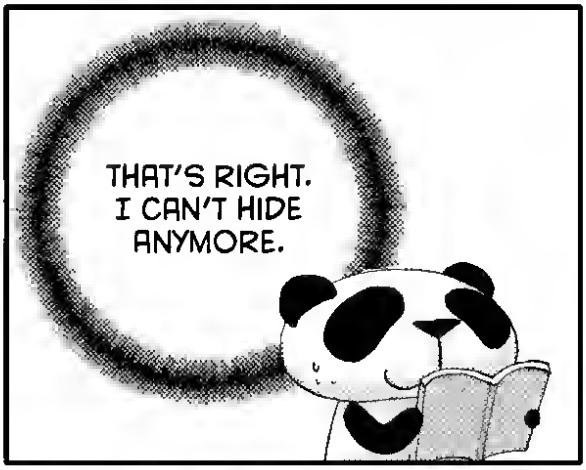
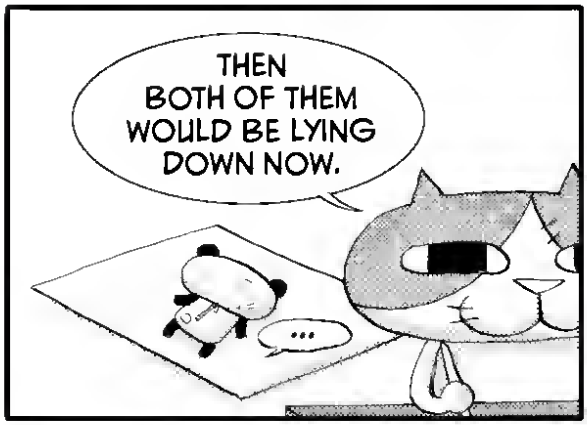
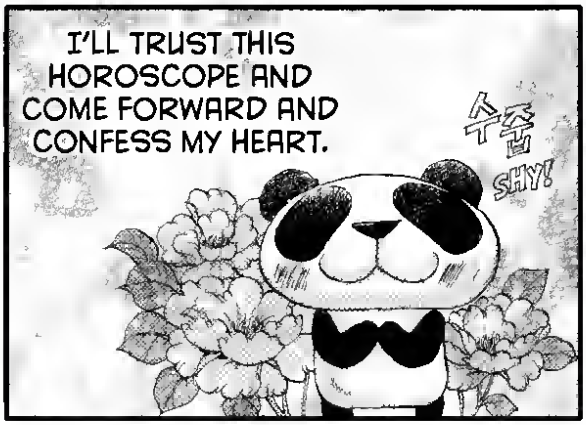
IF YOU'VE BEEN ANXIOUSLY WAITING, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE. TRY TO CONFESS YOUR FEELINGS TO THE PERSON YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT. REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN AFFECT PEOPLE ONLY THROUGH ACTIVE EXPRESSIONS OF YOUR FEELINGS.







CONFESSING FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS!

END OF MI-GAENG'S BONUS STRIPS!

When I was little, I used to hate summer, but I loved winter. Now, I prefer the summer months. I also used to like rainy days, but now I like sunny days more. I seem to be getting old enough to understand that some things you thought would never change actually can. Whatever the case, I hope the things I enjoy and don't want to change stay the same for me forever. Happy summer!!

—Mi-Kyung Yun

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